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"McPizza" wows Welland

Being the owner of your own McDonald's franchise has its rewards as demonstrated by Ron Horrocks, left, who enjoys the first bite of McDonald's new pizza courtesy of Pelham mayor Mardi Collins and Welland mayor Dick Reuter. The pizza-cutting ceremony took place last Monday at the Niagara Street location in Welland.

Photo by Baron Bedesky

Jones joins board

Student governor wins by 18 votes

By DOUG MORTON
Staff Writer

Carl L. Jones, 35, of Welland, a first-year educational resources and special needs student, won this week's student governor election by 18 votes.

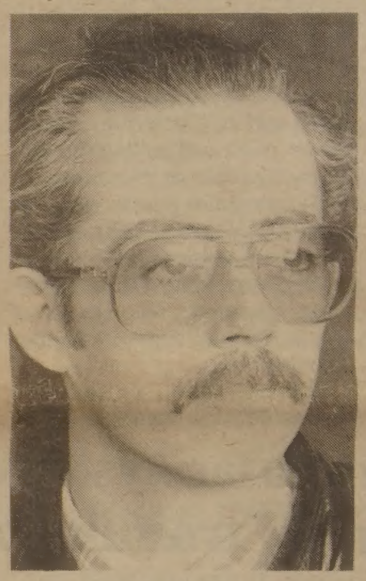
Only 117 of 4,476 eligible student voters cast ballots, less than half of last year's low turnout. Two ineligible ballots were destroyed.

Mr. Jones received 51 votes, while Tony Vandermaas got 33 votes and Mike Barnes received 31 votes.

"I was offering a clear voice on student issues," Mr. Jones said. He will sit on the Niagara College Board of Governors for a one-year term beginning September 1.

He said has specific goals "include providing student leadership that keeps students informed. I hope to raise the student population's awareness to the importance of the board. I want a format that allows me to report back to the student body."

Asked about the need for day care at the college, he stated: "With the growth of the mature student population ... a large number of students need day care for their children. It's an issue that needs addressing."



CARL JONES

Meanwhile, he said there should be increased student involvement on important issues to students. "There has to be a forum where the student governor can have a dialogue with the student body about board issues."

Asked about college and classroom environmental issues, he stated: "Ventilation is so poor students with respiratory problems are getting sick. And, on the smoking issue, I'd like something done to make smokers happy and improve the image to college visitors. These environmental issues need addressing."

Mr. Jones said he hopes to start learning his new responsibilities as soon as possible and is "happy and thankful" for the support of the students who voted for him.

Guard deal disturbs Ensign

Contract loss surprises longtime firm, New company promises quality

By JASON DARRAH
Staff Writer

"It's rather upsetting."

That's how Tom Carmichael, chairman of the Hamilton-based Ensign Security company, responded to losing a contract to provide security at Niagara College, a service the company had provided the college for 25 years.

A decision to grant Barnes Security of Toronto the three-year contract was announced March 13. The last time the contract was put up for tender was more than 20 years ago.

Mr. Carmichael was "surprised" at losing one of Ensign's larger contracts. He said the decision to award Barnes Security the contract was probably determined solely by dollars and cents.

"Had we been the lowest bidder we would probably have retained the contract. We tendered only 85 cents (per hour) over our direct cost. The spread between tenders couldn't have been great," he said.

In response to statements made last week by Otto Urbanovics, the college's administrative affairs committee chairman and a member of the board of governors, that quality influenced the decision, Mr. Carmichael stated: "I don't think quality played a part. We haven't lost an account before on the basis of quality."

Ensign guards have been invited to apply to Barnes and will be kept at the college if they are hired, John Rankin, Barnes branch manager, said.

Mr. Carmichael said the percentage of guards retained may reflect to what degree quality played in deciding which company received the contract.

He questioned the logic of putting too much emphasis on the dollar value if quality suffers. "We are the only company with a local presence. We have two vehicles and an office in the area so our supervision and follow up is high."

"To retain a contract for 25 years, we have done what we had to do to satisfy the needs of the college," Mr. Carmichael said.

Mr. Rankin said Barnes Security's quality was probably a factor in getting the contract, even though the firm submitted the lowest tender.

He said the approximately 20 guards who will be employed for the college contract must undergo the company's four-part testing procedure before being hired. After passing a psychology examination and two aptitude tests, the applicants will then take an eight-hour induction course, which also ends in a test. All guards must take a non-violence crisis intervention course.

About four guards will be hired from Ensign to fill the 16 full-time or the four part-time positions, said Mr. Rankin.

He said the quality of guard supervision won't be hindered by the fact there is no local office. He said Barnes will maintain "a rigorous supervision process," especially in the first weeks of the program. Guards must pass an evaluation after 30 days on duty, and another after 60 days.

The new contract is one of the international company's largest in the Niagara Region. The head office of the parent company, Mayne Nickless Ltd., is in Australia with its national office in Toronto. The company also owns Loomis Courier.

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Top scorer of Junior A

Junior hockey has become a profitable phenomenon. Players are no longer just rowdy teenaged males. See Page 12

Baseball predictions

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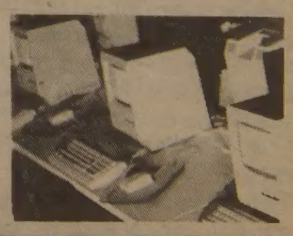
Newspaper goes desktop

Journalism students get hands-on experience with new desktop publishing system. See Page 16



McDonald's has pizza
Seven years in the making

By BARON BEDESKY
Staff Writer

What were you doing at 1:30 p.m. last Monday, March 23? Whether or not you can remember, it was precisely the moment McDonald's became the largest pizza restaurant in the country.

In a Canada-wide promotional campaign, nearly every one of the more than 640 McDonald's outlets began serving a choice of either a six-inch personal size or a 12-inch family size pizza ready to eat in about five minutes.

Joining franchise owners Ron and Donna Horrocks of McDonald's Niagara Street location in Welland for the "pizza-cutting" ceremony were Welland mayor Dick Reuter, Pelham mayor Mardi Collins, and former Welland mayor and current Niagara Regional councillor Alan Pietz. They all had the opportunity to sample and evaluate the new product.

Part-time food critic and full-time mayor Reuter, sporting a tall white chef's hat, was very impressed with the product and its presentation. "It's great. McDonald's has shown the innovation. The time factor is going to be hard to beat."

The pizza will be available both over the counter and at the drive through window, making McDonald's the first area location to offer a drive through pizza service.

In a press release, George Cohon, president and chief executive officer of McDonald's Restaurants of Canada Ltd. said, "After seven years in product development and customer test markets, we're sure we've found an exciting addition to our menu that Canadian families will love."

Mr. Horrocks agrees the diversification of McDonald's menu over time to include items such as salad, chicken sandwiches and nuggets, extra-lean hamburgers, and now pizza has helped maintain a strong customer base. "Our customers told us they wanted pizza. When they ask us for things, we try and do it," adding that the next immediate challenge "is getting people to know we have pizza."

Different versions of the personal size pizza include basic pepperoni, a deluxe pizza with five toppings, and something called the bacon double cheeseburger pizza consisting of cheddar and mozzarella cheeses with ground beef, bacon and slivered onions. The family size pizzas are available in the same three basic versions with the added option of ordering a simple cheese pizza and adding the toppings you prefer at 99 cents each.

The personal pizzas range in price from $2.49 to $2.99 while the family size versions sell for $6.99 to $9.99 depending on how extravagant your tastes are. This is, of course, the price before the taxman takes his bite.

Bernice Belford, a member of McDonald's community relations department, estimates 250 training hours have been required to properly handle the new equipment. Approximately 500 personal size pizzas and 20 family size pies were sold on the first day. She says it's a little early to project long-term sales or determine exactly which pizza will be the most popular.

"It's a whole different product," says Ms. Belford. "We'll have to chart it for a whole week."

Kim Gilbert, assistant manager of the Welland Pizza Hut outlet, also on Niagara Street, does not anticipate business decline due to the increased competition.

"I don't think it'll affect us because we have our basic customers," said Ms. Gilbert the day of McDonald's unveiling. "We were still full of college kids today."

Ms. Gilbert added customers would continue to be attracted to her restaurant because they offered personal-size pizzas for a lower price and are guaranteed to be served in under five minutes or there is no charge.

Victor Rocca, co-owner of Santo's Pizzeria on East Main Street in Welland, agrees the extra competition will not have a great impact on his business.

"We are catering to a clientele that is willing to pay a little more and wait a little longer for pizza," said Mr. Rocca. He feels other fast food chains may suffer from the extra competition and mentioned that McDonald's pizza will compete with other items on their own menu rather than other restaurant menus.

Training conference will be coming May 19, 20 and 21

By SHERI HAMILTON
Staff Writer

A conference called "A Training Agenda" will be sponsored by Niagara College at the Sheraton Fallsview in Niagara Falls, Ont. May 19, 20 and 21.

Topics such as economic renewal, partnerships, equity and human resource development will be covered. About 125 people are expected to attend.

"I am really looking forward to the conference," said Bea Clark, director of the college's Skills Development department. "I am always proud to bring people to our area and show it off."

Niagara College is moving into eight 20-week programs to help people obtain new skills to become more employable. The short-term upgrading programs, offered at the various campuses, are designed to be more convenient for those in the workforce or for those wanting to re-enter the workforce.

"There are 14 more of these programs under consideration and pending approval from the federal government," said Mrs. Clark.

SkillsLink computer system allows access to information on training organizations

By DIANA HARRIS
Staff Writer

A one-stop shopping approach to training courses and locations is available to Niagara College students for $45 through the SkillsLink computer network at the college's Ventures Centre for Training and Development in St. Catharines.

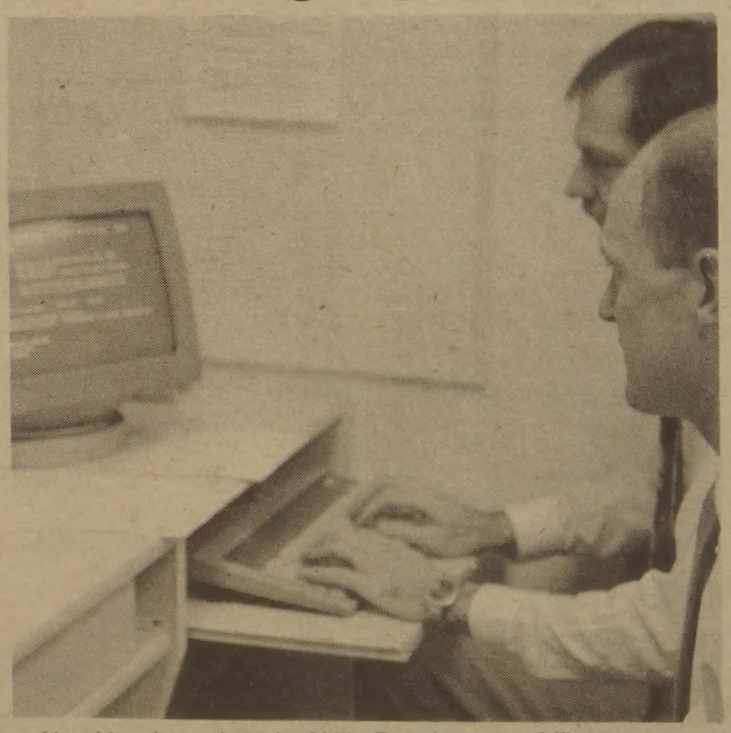
SkillsLink, organized three weeks ago, allows students to access information from more than 87,000 training resources and more than 1,500 training organizations available in Ontario. The information, updated daily, includes 61 federal and 36 provincial training programs.

The partnership of Niagara College Ventures Centre for Training and Development, the Ontario Skills Development Office and the Ministry of Skills Development, organized the one-year pilot project in January 1992.

"The project will be assessed at the end of this year and if it is considered viable (the number of clients who use the project) then it will be allowed to continue," said Alan Vaughan, Ontario Skills Development Office manager.

A vision of the Ontario Ministry of Skills Development and the Ontario Training Corporation four years ago, the first SkillsLink office in Ontario was established in 1990, said Marcia Olmstead, director of SkillsLink.

Training course and location information, which students may obtain through an Olivetti personal computer, includes the types of training available through seminar workshops, self-instructional material, continuing education courses, private training consultants and full-time and part-time college and university courses. The course's cost, date and length, is also included.



Alan Vaughan, Ontario Skills Development Office manager and second-year electrical technology co-op student Jim Ross work on the SkillsLink computer at the college's Ventures Centre for Training and Development in St. Catharines.
Photo by Diana Harris

"Our clients have been really impressed with SkillsLink. They no longer have to search through piles of paperwork trying to find information on training programs," said Alan Vaughan, Ontario Skills Development Office manager.

Jim Ross, a second-year electrical technology student, began his five-month co-op placement with SkillsLink in January 1992. "I helped with some of the software configuration and I have done some trouble shooting."

For further information or to make an appointment, students can contact Alan Vaughan at 641-2252.

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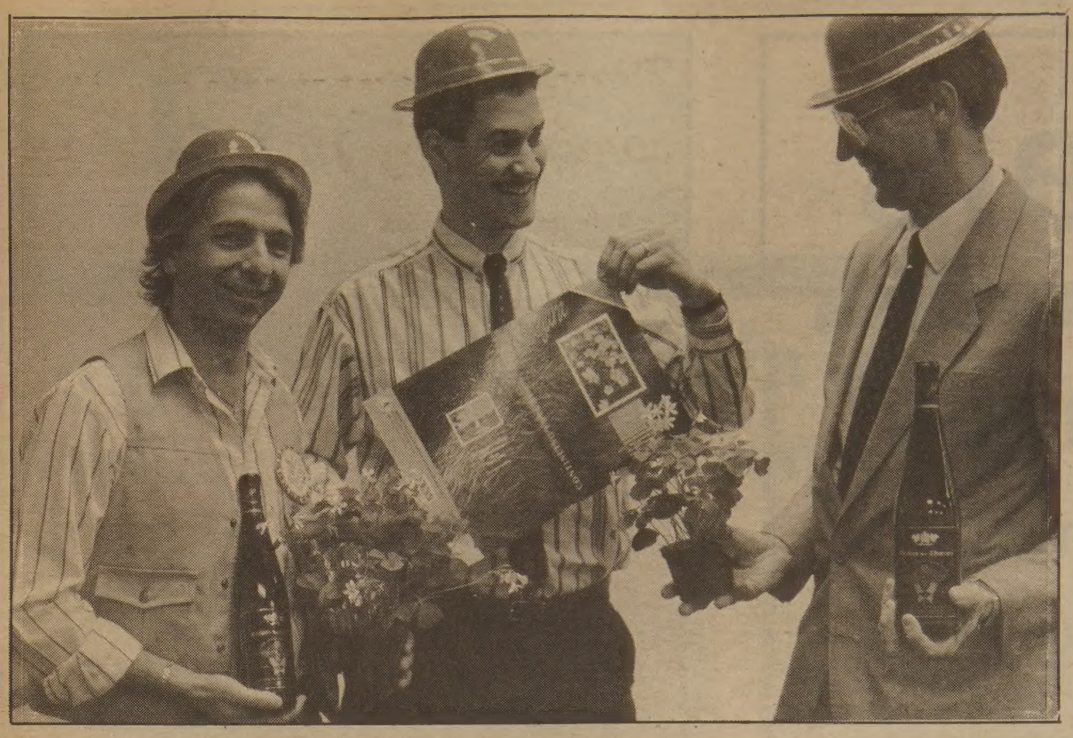


Guessing the Green

Three staff members won the St. Patrick's day "Guess the Green" contest by correctly identifying the cover of the Continuing Education spring calender. Hans van der Slagt, right, awarded Jerry Salfi, left, and Glenn Heshka, both of media services, with a bottle of Niagara College wine and a shamrock plant from the Horticulture Centre for guessing the design was a time-lapse photograph of Niagara Falls during a snow storm. Barbara Farr of Continuing Education also guessed correctly.

Photo by Jason Darrah

Ministry reorganization brings colleges, universities together

By CINDY HARRIMAN
Staff Writer

The Ontario Ministry of Colleges and Universities is striving to become a more efficient ministry by reorganizing on April 1.

While keeping the government's financial situation in mind, the ministry is taking steps toward becoming a more efficient, more flexible and better balanced organization, Minister of Colleges and Universities Richard Allen stated in a recent press release.

After April 1, the ministry will have a better structure for dealing with policy and equity issues, as well as the needs of the post-secondary system as a whole, he said.

Hans van der Slagt, Niagara College's vice-president of administration, said the ministry's reorganization will bring colleges and universities closer together in that students will be better able to transfer between the two and get recognition for what they've accomplished.

The college system has already begun working with the university system on articulation agreements, Mr. van der Slagt said.

The divisions within the ministry will be reduced from three to two. The Post-Secondary Institutions Division and Student Support and Corporate Services Division will absorb the functions of the present Post-Secondary Partnerships and Research Support Division, which will be dissolved.

In addition, the Post-Secondary Institutions Division, which has separate organizational structures for colleges and universities, will be restructured. The three new branches within this division will deal with policy and programs, grants, administration, partnerships, international affairs and research support.

"We felt the ministry had a kind of structural problem."

Tim Nau

"We felt the ministry had a kind of structural problem," said Tim Nau, director of communications for the Ministry of Colleges and Universities, adding the decision to reorganize the ministry was made within the last six months.

As a result of the restructuring, bureaucrats who are currently divided into the separate categories of colleges and universities will be able to deal with both types of institutions together as post-secondary institutions, said Mr. Nau.

Instead of data being collected one way for colleges and another way for universities, it can be collected more efficiently for post-secondary institutions as a whole, he said.

Several new or expanded units will result from the redeploying of ministry personnel, including a new Equity/Access Unit to develop programs in areas of Native education, women's issues, special education, multiculturalism and the special needs of low-income students, plus an expanded French-Language Servives Branch, a new Health Sciences Unit, and a new Policy and Programs Branch that will be responsible for both colleges and universities.

Colleges and universities will remain distinct institutions, but the ministry will be able to improve opportunities for co-operation if it considers the sector as a whole, and eliminates the duplication of effort that occurs in the old structure, Bernard Shapiro, deputy minister of colleges and universities, stated in a recent press release.

Heartbreak Motel

The Sportsmen's Motel, located at Turner's Corner in Thorold, is convenient to all points in the peninsula. The motel has commercial rates, kitchenettes, color TV, and direct dial phone—did we forget air-conditioning? The building burned down on February 16, 1991 during renovations.

Photo by Armando Barbarito

Facing '90s challenge

Labor seminar to focus on human issues

By CAROL ANNE HUNT
Staff Writer

The Niagara Employee Assistance Program Council, in conjunction with Niagara College, is offering its eighth annual seminar entitled The Evolving Workplace: Challenge and Change on Wednesday, April 15, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Sheraton Fallsview Hotel in Niagara Falls, Ont.

It promises to be an up-to-date and informative day with keynote speakers Jon Shearer, of Jon Shearer and Associates, speaking on shift work and human performance, and Mary Beth Currie, a partner in the Labor Department at McCarthy Tetrault, Canada's largest law firm, speaking on sexual harassment in the workplace.

"It (the response) is always excellent. They plan one year in advance on the theme — they provide good seminars that are important to people," Barbara Fonfara, Niagara College's conference and seminar facilitator, said.

"We've always had a good turnout. Last year we had about 135 (people). It seems to be increasing each year," she said.

The EAP Council is a self-funded voluntary agency geared to addressing problems encountered in the workplace which at one time may have been ignored.

Labor and management are invited to attend, Mrs. Fonfara said since the issues are pertinent to both groups.

Steven Boal, secretary of the Addiction Research Foundation in St. Catharines, said, "We've moved from the nuts and bolts approach to a broader look at issues that affect the workplace." He said things like health promotion items and the difference in treatment in Canada and the United States were important topics.

"It's gone from a narrow, reactive focus to a much broader, pro-active focus," he said.

The EAP Council has an education committee, which, with members from the employment community plus college representatives, sits down and analyses feedback from the community to arrive at timely topics for the seminars.

"There's a quarterly education program as part of our meetings. Education is seen as the most important function," Mr. Boal said.

Mrs. Fonfara said as a result of a directive from the Ministry of Labor, employers must work with staff with their problems and they must be familiar with the appropriate action.

Registration deadline is April 1. Costs include lunch and are as follows: EAP members, $95; non-members, $105; three or more non-members from the same organization, $100.

Workshops include presentations on progressive discipline in the workplace, eating disorders, parenting, and grief and loss.

For more information, or to register, contact Mrs. Fonfara at the Hospitality and Tourism Centre, Niagara Falls campus, (416) 374-7454 Ext. 3637.

College partnerships attempt to respond to labor challenges

By CAROLYN MULLIN
Staff Writer

As more announcements of plant closings and layoffs dominate the news, Niagara College's Access Division has responded with various labor adjustment measures.

"We're working in partnership with the community labor adjustment committees, with Canada Employment, unemployment help centres, and organizations such as Literacy Link," said Marti Jurmain, Access director at the college.

Mrs. Jurmain said a hot line has been created at the St. Catharines campus to the Access Labor Adjustment Team. The number, available to laid-off workers in search of advice, is (416)-684-4325 at Ext. 2421 or 2414.

In addition to telephone help, the college's Access Division is aimed at specifically helping the several hundred permanently laid-off workers at General Motors, she said.

"We attended a GM layoff meeting on March 2 to make a presentation. We can provide a supportive interview, an evaluation of one's background, discuss training and educational options in the college (or community), refer one to various counsellors, and advocate what would be appropriate for the client," Mrs. Jurmain said.

She cited the establishment of programs for unemployment insurance recipients and a labor adjustment program in Niagara Falls as steps towards the goal.

"Our first full labor adjustment program begins at the end of March in Niagara Falls. The basic skills program is similar to Ontario Basic Skills, but adds a substantial job-search component. The Ministry of Education funds the 20-week program and clients are referred through Literacy Link," Mrs. Jurmain said.

Get Hep—college sponsors clinic

Niagara College will sponsor three clinics to vaccinate for hepatitis B.

Two clinics will be held at the Welland campus on May 6 and June 10, while the third clinic will be held at the Mack Nursing Education Centre in St. Catharines on July 8.

The vaccine being used is Engerix B (Smith, Kline and Beecham).

The cost for the vaccination is $90.

Only certified cheques or money orders on the days of the clinics will be accepted. Appointments are necessary and can be made by calling the Health Centre at Ext. 7635.

Hepatitis B in Canada is one of the most significant causes of infectious morbidity.

Editorials

Upcoming bands

Girlfriends and family left by the wayside

Waiting For Jane, Nouveau Terrace and Common Language have something in common. All are bands wanting to make it big in the music industry.

In case you are wondering what the relevance is, Waiting For Jane will be playing at Niagara College's end of the year bash being held at Smart Alex's Bar and Grill.

There's fame, fortune, and an endless number of girls with measurements of 36-24-35 just waiting for the chance to put another notch on their bedpost. What more could a guy want?

The bands have dynamic stage shows and play to packed bars with receptive audiences. Original songs are clean, crisp and catchy. Good looks are plentiful and so is hair. The band members spend countless hours in the studio and thousands of dollars. They put out a compact disk, make a video or go on tour across Canada.

Will these bands be the next Tragically Hip, Blue Rodeo, Glass Tiger and Honeymoon Suite, or are they chasing an impossible dream?

More importantly, if they do succeed will they remember the people who helped them reach success?

Family and friends lend support and are almost always in the audience. Girlfriends sit through long hours of band practices, band meetings and gigs. And they are almost always still awake at 2:30 a.m when the last piece of equipment is loaded onto the truck after a show.

Will family and friends be forgotten when that magical moment arrives and the band signs a record company contract? Will family and friends receive thanks in their speechs during the music awards?

As Wayne Campbell from the movie Wayne's World would say, "not!"

Tara Grigg

Near graduation

What lessons have we learned ?

The end of another school year is fast approaching and soon we will be entering the workforce. As graduating students, we will be leaving these hallowed halls and beginning our lives on new paths.

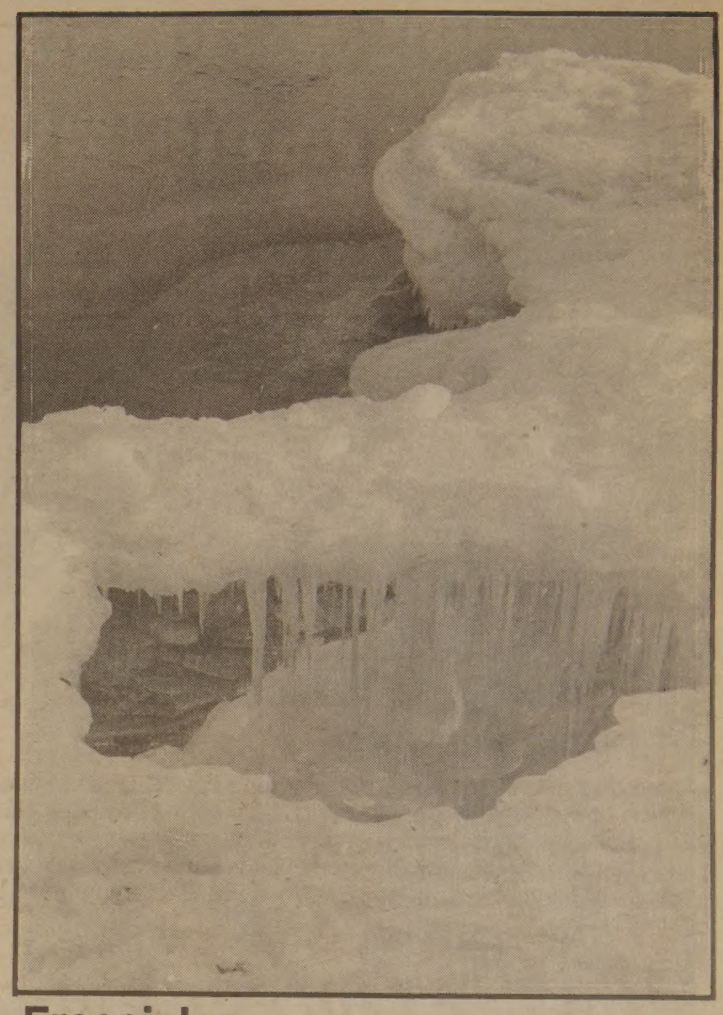
What have our years at Niagara College taught us? What lessons to prepare us for life have we learned? Perhaps that we must face whatever trials may be thrown our way?

Wandering the halls, many of us are wondering exactly what we are going to do after leaving the security we've found within the walls of Niagara College. Perhaps some students think the real world revolves around them. Or the rose colored glasses we wear here will be just as rosier when we leave. Have we really learned all we need to know?

Reflecting on our memories of our years at college, we've made some interesting and lifelong friends as well as some indiscreet enemies. We make promises that we will keep in touch, knowing it almost never happens. Some of us tend to think we are better than those around us. But in reality, those of us who think we are, are not.

The attitudes we have developed during our time here are the attitudes we will take with us. Let us hope the lessons we have learned, and the attitudes we have developed, will prepare us to face the real world.

Lisa Pratt



Freecicles

Nature's own ice sculptures, as seen on the pier at Port Maitland, Ont., were formed by the frigid waters of Lake Erie this winter.

Photo by Sheri Hamilton

Bullpit

Party, party

By MARK DENIS
Staff Writer

"Party on, Garth!"

"Party on, Wayne!"

"They" stand around all day, occasionally sitting down for a riveting game of euchre. Weekends are spent washing Ontario Student Assistance Program loans down toilets (weeknights as well, for that matter.)

The final day to drop courses or withdraw without penalty from the winter term was Tuesday, March 24.

How many euchre games were interrupted in order to complete the necessary forms? How many years will be spent transferring from one program to another avoiding responsibility?

It may last as long as Mom, Dad, and Premier Bob Rae are footing the bill.

A post-secondary institution is, and has always been, the second home of shiftless, uninspired bums with few aspirations.

"They" do aspire.

"They" aspire to ridicule students who spend long hours confined in rooms completing assignments.

Who are "they?"

Malcontents who have seen, heard and done everything. Bored children in the shell of adults. Pretty girls and boys who have been handed the lifestyle of their parents on a silver platter. Sheltered brats given cotton for their ears and blinders for their eyes.

Responsible, committed students who succeed in earning an education eventually acquire employment. Good news for the "they" fraternity.

"They" will now have new taxpayers to feed their pseudo-lifestyles.

"Party on, they."

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Focus

Couple make Canada home
Working hard to live normal life

By CATHY WATT
Staff Writer

Janusz and Aleksandra Karbowniczek are not average married students. Not only are they working toward their educational goals at Niagara College, but they also are determined to make Canada their permanent home.

The couple, who are landed immigrants from Poland, are expecting their first baby in June. They are thrilled because their child will be born a Canadian citizen - a first in their family. Mr. Karbowniczek, 27, begins the process of becoming a Canadian citizen in August.

Five years ago, he left his hometown in Poland and travelled to Germany where he applied for landed immigrant status in Canada. He left behind his family in Zgorzelec and his future wife, whom he had dated for only two months. They wrote letters and talked on the telephone, but would not see one another again for more than two years.

A representative of the Polish Congress, who lives in St. Catharines, sponsored Mr. Karbowniczek to come to Canada and helped him get a job at a local tool and die company three years ago. Although 22-year-old, Mrs. Karbowniczek said "we didn't really know each other." She came to Canada six months later and the couple were married in Niagara Falls, Ont.

After enrolling in a special program for new citizens and six months of evening courses at the Multicultural Centre in St. Catharines to learn English, Mr. Karbowniczek made the decision to attend Niagara College. He is a first-year computer engineering technology student. The soft-spoken young man said he had some difficulty with his work in the first semester. "I spent a lot of time working at home and the teachers were very helpful."

Mrs. Karbowniczek, who studied a little English in elementary school, also worked on her language at the Multicultural Centre. In addition, she attended high school in St. Catharines for six months and studied mathematics, computers and English.

JANUSZ AND ALEKSANDRA KARBOWNICZEK

"Everything there is upside-down sometimes . . ."

Mr. Karbowniczek

Prior to enrolling in the Business Administration program at Niagara College last September, she took accounting and English at night school. "It helped me see if it would be too hard for me." However, Mrs. Karbowniczek said she is doing "very well" in her course. She also takes English courses at Brock University.

Mr. Karbowniczek said he decided to leave Poland because he wanted to start a "normal" life. "Everything there is upside-down sometimes . . . you just can't take care of your family." Both he and his wife, who have an apartment in St. Catharines, said they wanted to live in a place of their own — something they couldn't have in Poland. Mr. Karbowniczek said he "wanted to live in a nice quiet place where we can work and have holidays."

Although the couple have some savings in addition to Ontario Student Assistance Program funding, Mrs. Karbowniczek works part-time as a waitress to supplement their income. Because of his demanding course load, Mr. Karbowniczek said it would be difficult for him to take a part-time job.

Mr. and Mrs. Karbowniczek said they have made good friends since being in Canada - other immigrants like themselves and Canadians. Because his English continues to improve, Mr. Karbowniczek said communication is becoming easier. "It's difficult when you don't speak English . . . as you understand better, every day you can make friends and help them."

He said they are not alone in Canada; he has some family nearby. A year ago, Mr. Karbowniczek helped his younger sister come to Canada. She lives in Toronto and is currently finishing Grade 13. She hopes to attend university. He also has an aunt in Buffalo, N.Y. which they visit occasionally.

Mrs. Karbowniczek's mother arrives from Poland in two weeks and plans to stay and help until after the baby is born. Although the young couple said they "didn't plan" the addition to their family, they are anxiously awaiting the baby's arrival.

Like typical parents, each has his or her own wish for a son or a daughter - she wants a boy, he wants a girl. Unlike typical parents, Mr. and Mrs. Karbowniczek are attempting to choose a name that is Polish and Canadian.

Teenager recognized for achievement; concerned about world issues

By TARA GRIGG
Staff Writer

Although only 13 years of age, Mark Allen Richardson of St. Catharines has some pretty strong opinions on topics such as drugs, AIDS and Third World poverty.

A Grade 7 student at St. Nicholas School, Mark wants adults to know that even though he is a teenager, he believes "older people should listen to the concerns of younger people."

"Drug addiction is a real bad problem," he says. "A lot of people are doing drugs. I'm worried about myself and my future children."

He said the drug problem in California is particularly serious.

"People who do drugs don't care about other people."

"Youngsters, like myself, are living on the streets and stealing to get money for drugs. People who do drugs don't care about other people. They only care about themselves, money, and drugs."

His message to drug users is to start thinking about other people. He wants them to see things realistically.

"It would be hard not to get mad, but I would try to talk to them anyway."

Another one of his concerns is the depletion of the rain forests.

"People need to remember the three r's- reduce, reuse, and recycle. Don't they see the three R's as the answer."

He believes the extinction of rare animals is possible with the cutting down of the rain forests. He compares it to a landlord kicking people out of their homes.

"God put them (the animals) on earth for a purpose. They have a right to be here just like we do."

He said young people worry about the ozone layer, but don't know what to do to help.

"People are always going to drive their cars and girls will always use hairspray. I know we are trying to cut down, but it is not enough."

While his grandmother was diagnosed with cancer last December, Mark worries about the effects of ultra-violet rays on the earth.

"With the hole in the ozone layer, the rays could cause people to get cancer. The melting of the ice caps is also possible."

He is also concerned about the spread of AIDS.

Mark asks teenagers and adults having sex to use a condom. "It will protect you from catching the disease."

"Many 15-year-olds are having sex, and they think that it's fun. They say they don't worry about getting AIDS because they are young. You should have sex with someone you love and not just for sex."

MARK RICHARDSON

"it is unjustified murder"

"Poverty over there (in Third Word countries) is a big problem. We need to help them and send food. They can't go to the fridge, open it up, and get food," he said.

Mark was visiting California when the U.S. launched its attack last year against Iraq during the Gulf War.

"I was afraid that they would attack us. I didn't want it to be another Pearl Harbour."

On another topic, Mark doesn't understand why people go to jail for killing someone, but in a war, they can kill and kill. He believes "it is unjustified murder."

He wants world leaders to sit down and talk about peace. He believes Canada "may need a new prime minister."

"I don't want to be mean, but Canadians need to wake up and smell the fresh coffee," he said.

Mark recently sketched a picture of an exotic bird wearing a gas mask. The caption read: "Birds breathe too."

He recently received recognition for his achievement. The picture hangs in the hallway at St. Nicholas School.

Mark isn't sure what he wants to be when older, but states: "Whatever job I take, I want it to help the world in some way."

Retreat encourages involvement

By SHERI HAMILTON
Staff Writer

The Niagara College 101 retreat was "definitely worth attending," said John Clark, an electronics professor at Niagara College. "The sessions were lively and interesting."

Niagara College 101 was a retreat held March 1 to 3 at the Bayview-Wildwood near Orillia, Ont.

The retreat was offered to all interested college personnel and was designed to help people at the college become more involved in the issues that affect teaching, learning and everyone's well-being.

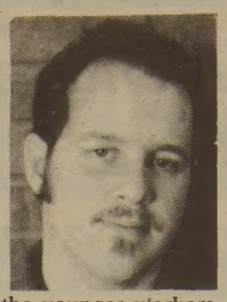
Goals for the retreat included getting participants to get to know and work with each other better and for those informed to get to know the college facilities that will assist in student success. It was also designed for the staff to be aware of the college student population and for the staff to become able to think 'invitationally.'

"I found the retreat to be both relaxing and rewarding," said Joe Pinelli, a construction engineer instructor at Niagara College.

"There are two possible dates for other retreats pertaining to the same subject matter and format," said Ed Wilson, a consultant in the Human Resources Development department. "It is at this time that approximately 24 other staff members will have the opportunity to attend."

The other two seminars are scheduled at the Bayview-Wildwood on May 31, June 1 and 2 and June 14, 15 and 16.

Rumblings



By MARK NESBITT
Staff Writer

Welcome to Canada, labor dispute capital of the world.

While the rest of the world smartens up, union nonsense continues to capture centre stage here at home.

Local 222 of the Canadian Autoworker's Union (CAW) at the General Motors plant in Oshawa, just sent a strong message to GM President Robert Stemple.

The message was loud and clear.

We don't want to work. Please close our plant.

The event: a vote by union members in Oshawa. The outcome: a negative decision. The issue: mandatory overtime.

With a mindset straight out of the 1950s, the Oshawa workers rejected a company proposal requiring workers to comply with demands for overtime hours. Under the outlines of the proposal, employees could be required to work up to one hour extra each day.

One hour.

I know a lot of workers who would be happy to comply with such a directive. Three thousand of them live here in the Niagara Region.

The CAW defends its actions by arguing concessions don't necessarily guarantee job security. The union also contends that one concession leads to another, and the rights they have won for workers over the years will quickly erode.

How realistic is this?

To borrow a popular phrase ... not!

Automatic job security is a thing of the past. There is no such thing as a right to work. Many of the younger workers realize this. Unfortunately, the union is still under the iron hand of second-generation confrontationalists who view GM as the enemy.

General Motors is a company in business to make money. If it doesn't make money, it will take steps to rectify that situation. Currently, those steps include closing unprofitable plants and eliminating potential trouble spots.

One of these spots has just identified itself.

Workers at Algoma Steel in Sudbury just negotiated a deal which saved the plant from closure. The deal included a wage freeze. Thompson Products workers in St. Catharines recently agreed to a cut in an already negotiated settlement.

Why?

The unions have realized that an attitude of co-operation must replace one of animosity. Both sides must realize no one wins in a labor dispute.

Back in Oshawa, a quick bit of research uncovers the disturbing fact that no auto production is scheduled past 1994.

Production schedules are determined by GM, not the CAW.

The overtime proposal was introduced by GM, not the CAW.

Workers at Local 222 voted 51.2 per cent against the overtime proposal.

Three years from now, that 1.3 per cent may seem much larger than the approximately 35 workers it represents.

And for their sake, I hope their names are never published.

Self-esteem and self-worth

By SHERI HAMILTON
Staff Writer

I am not a male-ego basher nor a feminist. This is simply my opinion.

Just last weekend my fiance and I were in a small town bar having a casual drink with friends when across the room stood three young men I recognized from high school.

It's amazing what three years of maturity and a 20-pound weight loss will do. These three young men never gave me a second glance while in high school together. But with the extra weight gone and a little bit of confidence, these guys were astonished. It was evident by the casual glances - you know the ones that go from head to toe and back again.

What they refused to see was that I looked attractive in high school, at least on the inside - and that's what counts, isn't it?

Sometimes I think people are afraid to get to know someone, and see their inner beauty because of their outer appearance and what that person's friends may say about them.

There's an old cliche that I'd like to share with them - beauty is only skin deep.

People should not judge other people based on their appearance. Everyone deserves the chance to be their own person. No one should have to prove their greatness to others. If people cannot accept the way an individual looks on the outside, they aren't worth having as acquaintances.

In elections

Niagara students apathetic

By JASON DARRAH
Staff Writer

One hundred and seventeen students voted in the election of a student to the Niagara College Board of Governors Monday. That's not quite three percent of the 4,476 eligible voters.

We maintained a proud tradition by eclipsing turn-out for last year's election for the same position, which received about four percent.

This poor showing to elect the only student representative who can influence college policy has successfully surrendered decisive power to staff, faculty and people external to the college.

It is gratifying to know there are no problems on campus which may warrant student interest in affecting Board of Governors' affairs. This strong show of student indifference reveals an unfaltering confidence in the the board to determine all college policy.

It is also very reassuring to know students are studying so diligently and attending classes so early they have no time to vote. We are all such responsible students for priorizing our daily schedule so as not to impede important matters — getting coffee so our brains remain well primed for exciting classes.

Unfortunately, three students who thought their input to college policy would be important, ran for election. One won by a landslide of 18 votes. This means we haven't given all control to the wise people on the board.

Although Niagara College President John Saso thought the election was important enough to warrant abundant notification around each campus, the electoral procedure didn't bother more than 117 students.

The polling station in the Tecumseh Centre was skillfully located well away from normal student travel routes. The ballot box was squeezed into the office of the secretary for the vice-president of Student Life and Human Resources.

The college eliminated the need for an electoral officer, but unfortunately still burdened the secretary with the duty of offering no assistance to the few students who chose to vote.

It's hoped the Student Administrative Council elections will be as lacking in student response. When nothing is at stake, why get involved?

Stress

By CINDY HARRIMAN
Staff Writer

Stress. It creeps into our lives and burrows into our minds with its strangling affect.

Capable of destruction, stress can eat away at our nerves until there is no resistance left.

We are overcome by shortness of breath, trembling hands and the inability to perform any worthwhile task.

There are not enough hours in a day to complete all that needs to be done.

Why do people spend so much time worrying?

Many times a simple problem is given much more worry than it deserves.

We all have those 'car won't start - late for school - out to lunch' days, but is such a day cause for the crippling of the thought processes that stress incurs?

People are always in a hurry. Deadlines, appointments, and other commitments do not allow time for a reality break from the heavy demands that life dishes out.

We carry stress around like a weight on our shoulders - a weight that ties us to the ground instead of setting us free to enjoy life.

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Are you a Native High School Graduate, College or University Student?

If you are a Status Native Indian and are interested in continuing your education at a college or university, you should be applying for post-secondary assistance now.

This year the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development has allocated over 54 million dollars to assist eligiblle native students in Ontario.

There are deadlines which you must meet. So don't delay in filing an application.

Information on deadline dates and application forms are available at any district office of the Department, a native post-secondary counselling unit, or an education counsellor at your First Nations office.

Remember, students presently receiving assistance must re-apply each year.

Avoid disappointment. Apply early.

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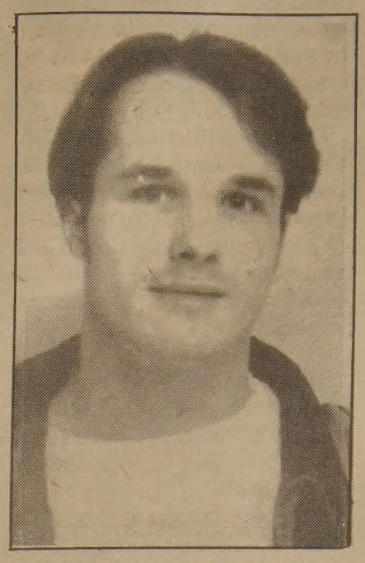
Roving Reporter Asks:

By MARK DENIS
Staff Writer

As the debate over Canada's Constitution continues, the Niagara News asked eight students in various programs at the college their opinions on the issue of Quebec sovereignty.

VICTORIA ROWLEY

"Quebec's separation would be a loss for all Canadians as a lot of French heritage has flowed through to our way of life," said Victoria Rowley, a first-year General-College student.



SHANON BELLEFEUILLE

Having Quebec remain a part of Canada would benefit all Canadians, Shanon Bellefeuille, a first-year General-College student, said. "A unified Canada has more to offer."

MELISSA JOHN

"If Quebec was to separate, all people of different backgrounds would want a place of their own," said Melissa John, a second-year Broadcast Radio Television Film student.

LEE MATLASHSHEWSKI

Lee Matlashshewski, a first-year Sciences student, said he was politically "ticked" about the issue of Quebec sovereignty. "The first distinct society are the aboriginals, beyond that, no one is distinct."

JACQUIE BUTLER

"People are forgetting what Quebec means to Canada," said Jacquie Butler, a first-year Journalism-Print student, adding "... in history, Quebec kept the country together."

Health Care Aide students graduate

Seven students receive job offers

By SHERI HAMILTON
Staff Writer

The Health Care Aide program held its graduation ceremonies at the Hospitality and Tourism Centre in Niagara Falls Friday, March 20.

The 16-week program is taught at the Hospitality and Tourism Centre. Graduates received a certificate and a pin.

Dorothy Barrow and Nelly Klassen received the high achievement award for obtaining an overall average of 94 per cent in the course.

Lorie Murawski received a nurses watch from Uniform Plus Shoppe in Welland for her perfect attendance record.

"Lorie not only strived to be the best that she could be, but she set out to accomplish something different and she did," said Doris Evans, co-ordinator of the Health Care Aide program.

"This is the first time that five men have ever graduated from the program at one time," Mrs. Evans said.

Seven of the 23 graduates have already received job offers in Welland, Niagara Falls and St. Catharines.

Also in attendance at the ceremony were David Schleich, Niagara College's vice-president academic, Donna Cunningham, director nursing division, Desmond Curry, associate registrar, Sandy Blacquiere, head nurse at the Greater Niagara General Hospital, Dorothy Doyle, counsellor and John Kealy from the Canadian Employment and Immigration Centre.

Ron Comeau was the class valedictorian.

Graduates from the Niagara College Health Care Aide program in alphabetical order are: Dana Arnold, Dorothy Barrow, Susan Beek, Colleen Braithwaite, Laura Lee Catillo, Ron Comeau, Lise Cote-Vale, Lidia Cseh, Charles Franchetti, Marla Gibbs, Ronald Kennedy, Nelly Klassen, Mike Lavigne, Catherine McAvoy, Jennifer McCarthy, Lorie Murawski, Susan Muste, Jacqueline Paterson, Andrew Unger, Jaye Veilleux, Tracy Vlasic, Jodi Volzke and Eleonora Walt.
Photo by Sheri Hamilton

What is a stroke?

A stroke results from an interruption in the blood supply to part of the brain. Without a continuous, adequate supply of oxygen-rich blood, nerve cells in that area cannot function properly. The nerve cells of the brain control the way we receive, interpret and respond to sensations and information, and most of our movements as well. If some nerve cells are unable to function, then the part of the body controlled by those nerves cannot function either. For example, a stroke may produce difficulty in speaking, inability to walk, or loss of memory.

What are the warning signs?

The primary one is sudden, dramatic weakness or numbness of the face, arm and/or leg on one side of the body, which usually lasts for only a few minutes. Others include:

- temporary loss of speech, or trouble in speaking or understanding speech
- temporary dimness or loss or vision, particularly in one eye
- sudden, severe, unusual headaches, or a change in the pattern of headaches.

If you experience any of these problems, tell someone and call for emergency help. Know the telephone number of your local emergency medical care service and use it!

The good news about stroke:

The best line of defence for any healthy person is an annual blood pressure check. Many strokes can be prevented if high blood pressure, a leading cause of stroke, is controlled through early diagnosis and prompt treatment.

In fact, stroke-related deaths have been decreasing, especially in recent years. Since 1980, deaths from stroke have declined by approximately five percent a year, largely due to the effective treatment of high blood pressure.

Today the outlook for every stroke patient is brighter because of the advances in diagnosis and medical treatment, as well as in improved rehabilitation.

For more information on stroke, contact your local office of the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario.

Life saved

Health Care Aide graduate applies skills learned

By SHERI HAMILTON
Staff Writer

A Niagara College Health Care Aide graduate was offered a monetary reward for saving the life of 75-year-old Edward Yorfido last December, but has refused the award.

Mr. Yorfido was on his way home from his nephew's house during one of the worst snowstorms of the year when his car skidded into the ditch near the home of Jose and Vetzna Hermoza in Stevensville.

Mr. Yorfido was found in a field a short distance from his vehicle by Vetzna Hermoza. Jose Hermoza, Vetzna's husband, carried Mr. Yorfido from the field to his car and transported him to their home and called the ambulance.

Mr. Yorfido was transferred from Welland County General Hospital to a hospital in Hamilton less than 24-hours later.

"Vetzna is a very extraordinary person. She took the skills that she learned and applied them to save someone's life," said Doris Evans, co-ordinator of the Health Care Aide program at the college.

"How could you accept money for saving someone's life? Vetzna did it out of the goodness of her heart," Mrs. Evans added.

Mrs. Hermoza is employed as a Health Care Aide worker with the Port Colborne Association for Community Living. She graduated from the program in December.

The incident happened Dec. 15, 1991. Mr. Yorfido is recovering from his injuries.

Many are hopeful that a final decision for reinstating the Dental Hygiene program will be determined by April. Until then one of the donated dental stations remains in the darkness of Niagara College's storage room. The value of equipment and money donated to date is apoximately $155,000. The goal is $233,000.

Photo by Marilyn Walkington

Dental course back?

Task force weighs options

By MARILYN WALKINGTON
Staff Writer

The Dental Hygiene task force met last night to deliberate the options for re-establishing the long-awaited program at Niagara College. Decisions were not available at press time.

The registrar's office has more than 800 applications to fill the proposed 27-seat capacity for the program. If the budget is able to facilitate that number of students the number will remain, Bob Baddeley, the college's director Community Services, said.

Contributions for the program have come from the dental community and corporations mainly in the Niagara Region.

About $155,000 of an original goal of $233,000 has been donated in dollars and equipment, Mr. Baddley said.

Anne Rumble, administrative assistant to the executive director of the Niagara College Foundation, said there has been a delay with a final decision because of the uncertain funding, especially with the Ontario government's financial cuts. With a one per cent increase in transfer payments to Ontario universities and colleges this year, it is necessary to reassess the possibility of the program's reinstatement, she said.

Adult assessment system

By CAROLYN MULLIN
Staff Writer

The Access Division of Ventures has added a new name to a vital system that helps adult students at Niagara College assess both their past experience and their future goals.

The Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) was created by the Ontario Council of Regents as a college-wide system, said Access Director Marti Jurmain.

"Although Niagara College has always done an evaluation of a student's skills and abilities to determine what kind of program will be suitable, we now have a special committee," she said.

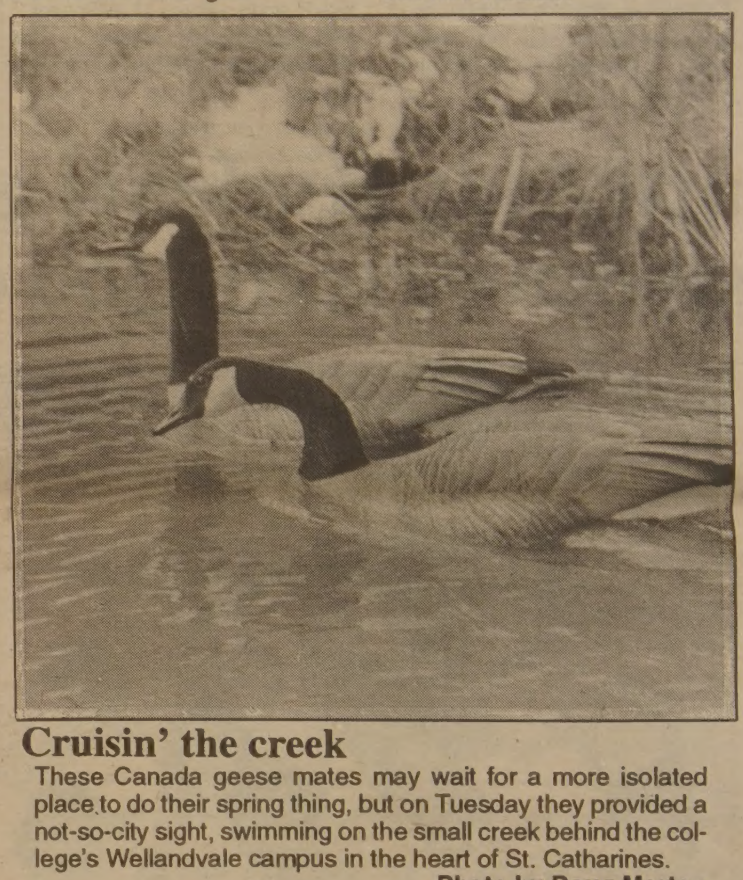
"PLA is a system which documents and validates a client's prior learning (work experience, life experience, volunteer activities, 'self-taught' learning) and assesses it according to the client's educational and career goals.

"If appropriate, college-level credits can be awarded for entry into a college program of choice," she said, adding the client may be tested to determine the level of learning or ability.

The Council of Regents PLA Advisory Committee defined the process as "a system of evaluation whereby credits may be granted to adults who have documented and demonstrated they have achieved the objectives of a given course or program."

The committee hopes to recommend a PLA system for Ontario's colleges by the end of June 1992, although Niagara College already has one in place.

With the economy as it is, more adults are finding they need to go back to school and they don't want to start at the bottom, so PLA finds their place on the education scale, said Mrs. Jurmain.



Cruisin' the creek

These Canada geese mates may wait for a more isolated place to do their spring thing, but on Tuesday they provided a not-so-city sight, swimming on the small creek behind the college's Wellandvale campus in the heart of St. Catharines.

Photo by Doug Morton

Access has new home in Port

By CAROLYN MULLIN
Staff Writer

While the waiting lists for Access programs operated by Niagara College continues to grow, a new chapter of classes has opened in Port Colborne.

The beginning of a new Basic Skills for Training Development program starting March 9 in Port Colborne was announced by Marti Jurmain, the college's access director.

"This program comes partly out of the initiative of (Niagara College President) John Saso's community outreach goals," she said.

The 32-week program runs in the Portal Village Market, Unit 5. The store-front location in the small mall will also house Continuing Education classes as needed, she said.

The Port Colborne presence adds to the great demand for post-secondary programs in the Access division, she said. She attributes the increased waiting lists for Ontario Basic Skills and Futures to the country's hard economic times.

"Because there are so many people now facing unemployment, they are going back to school to update skills or learn new ones.

"There are always long waiting lists for the Canada Employment sponsored Basic Training for Skill Development and English as a Second Language programs," she said.

She also said former workers in technical fields don't want to go into the first year of technical programs because they already have some experience. As a result, individual assessment of skills creates personal schedules for many of the programs.

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Eliminating racism goal of forum at police headquarters

By KATHERINE TOWNE
Staff Writer

Dealing with racism in society was the main theme during a forum held at the Niagara Regional Police headquarters in St. Catharines last Friday. The seminar was co-sponsored by the Niagara Regional Race Relations Council.

The seminar marked the 32nd anniversary of the Sharpeville massacre in South Africa when peaceful demonstrators against apartheid were killed and wounded. The United Nations declared in 1966 that March 21 would be International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

The Niagara Regional Police department promotes the anniversary in the hope of eliminating racial discrimination throughout the peninsula.

More than 40 people gathered at the Church Street offices at 10 a.m. Niagara Police Chief John Shoveller addressed the forum, describing Canada as being a multicultural country that should remove its barriers of discrimination and ignorance standing between Canadians.

"It is such barriers which create distrust and division in our society as they inhibit the development of acceptance and respect due each of us as citizens of this land," he said.

He stressed his concerns over implementing multiculturalism in various areas, including Canadian police forces, judiciary, education, health, social systems, the media and government.

"Canada's reality is a multicultural society. There will be more immigrants coming into Canada in the future. Our population is drawn from every origin, color, religion and cultural tradition," he said.

'There will be more immigrants coming into Canada in the future.'
John Shoveller

The seminar was told some Canadians may think Canada should become more Canadian - for Canadians to assimilate. "Assimilate into what?" Chief Shoveller asked. "Be more Canadian according to whose definition? Should we all be French speaking or all English speaking?"

Chief Shoveller said racism is part of the Canadian fabric. "The problem should be recognized and dealt with." Mutual interest, respect, trust and acceptance should be goals for society, Chief Shoveller expressed.

A bylaw passed last October reflects the concern expressed by the Niagara Regional Police and the Regional Municipality of Niagara Police Services Board. It outlines intentions regarding discriminatory and racist behavior by members of the police force. The policy statement was available at the forum.

'Equal opportunity should exist for all people...regardless of race, color, or ethnic origin.'
Joe McCaffery

Edna King, a status Indian member of the race relations council, Ernest Harris, a black professor at Brock University, and Kenneth Molosi, a computer science student at Brock who comes from Botswana, were three panelists who discussed racial problems in Canada.

Ms. King said John A. MacDonald, Canada's first prime minister, perfected racism when he said white men would change the Indian race from barbarism to the state of grace. She also talked about the social problems Canadian natives face today such as alcohol abuse, unemployment, inadequate housing, poverty and the lack of education. The suicide rate for natives is six times higher than the national rate.

Mr. Harris said change must come from parents and educators. Young children must be taught about different cultures and races and to respect and appreciate the differences of those living in our multicultural society, he said.

Mr. Molosi stressed the negative media coverage given smaller countries as Canadians watch the events from Third World countries on television. "This is the kind of information we're being fed by the media," he said. The teaching of history is limited in western countries to their own history, causing misunderstandings about other countries, he said.

Meanwhile, St. Catharines Mayor Joe McCaffery proclaimed March 21 International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination in St. Catharines. "Equal opportunity should exist for all people ... regardless of race, color, or ethnic origin," he said. "It is the social and moral responsibility of each person."

Photogaphs for this collage are taken from files of the Niagara College second-year Journalism-Print students.

Taking a look back at the 91-92 academic year

By DOUG MORTON and TARA GRIGG

New store

Keeping up with the computer age, Niagara College opened its own computer store to coincide with the start of full-time classes last fall.

Selling everything from software to laptop units, the store, run by the information systems department, says it sells for less because items are bought at educational rates.

Unions

The contracts expired in August, 1991 for unions representing Niagara College instructors and support staff. After months of negotiations, the support staff accepted a new one-year deal giving them a 3.5 per cent combined wages and benefits package.

The instructors' union is still negotiating after seven months. One of the main issues still on the table involves teachers' demands for pay adjustment in relation to other institutions' teachers' salaries. High school teachers now earn more than college instructors.

Changes

To carve a new face for the future of Niagara College, major changes occurred this year.

When John Saso took the president's office in September, 1990 a dynamic move to expansion began. Reaching full speed last fall, and accompanied by multiple changes in personnel, this year's efforts peaked with the completion of the master plan, revealed last month.

The master plan lays out the geographic and academic future of the college, including a restructured Welland campus, a new campus in St. Catharines and consolidation of some of the 11 campuses. Estimated cost of the project is $25- to $30-million.

The 1992 chairman of the college board of governors, Bernard Baril, brings business leadership to the position as former executive of the Quebec and Ontario Paper Co. Also in January, a record seven new members took seats on the board. for the first time the student-elected member of the board was given a full and equal vote at board meetings.

Other significant changes in personnel included Larry Taylor appointed as director of the Applied Arts division while former director Ivar Noren became registrar; Foster Zannutto moved to the president's office; Lynn Russo was hired as director of marketing and communications; and, Brian Moukperian was appointed as director, technical skills training.

25th Anniversary

Niagara College celebrates 25 years of growth this year. A special committee was formed to help make the silver anniversary memorable.

Numerous events celebrated the special occasion, which will be officially recognized at the April 5 open house.

Disabled

Good news for the physically disabled at the college came in the form of a three-year, $580,000 grant to allow structural building changes to provide easy access to doors, washrooms and other difficult areas. The provincial grant allotted $168,000 for work this year.

After Hours

The bar opened.

After Hours, the entertainment section of the new student centre, opened with the start of the school year after 12 years in the making.

The $1.3-million complex finally provided students with a long-sought entertainment and administrative home. All students pay $26.50, included in their tuition, to help pay the mortgage.

By Oct. 25 the pub began to close early due to poor patron turnout.

New records

After enrolment records revealed a 16 per cent increase President John Saso said he believes Niagara College is the largest post-secondary institution in the Niagara Peninsula.

With over 4,100 full-time and 27,000 to 29,000 part-time students, the college outranks Brock University in sheer numbers, he said.

NTSA

A new students' group formed in November "to provide a listening ear and helping hand," offering membership mainly to "older" students who "have returned to school after spending time in the work force or raising a family."

The Non-Traditional Students Association, with a full executive and regular business meetings has met the task, organizing social get-togethers and other functions. Most recently, the group, for $5 a day, provided day care for the students' children who were out of school during March break.

Fire safety

Work began in mid-December on a $113,000 upgrading of the fire safety system at the college. From a new, central control panel an upgraded fire alarm network, complimented by smoke detectors and emergency lighting, all mean greater safety on the Welland campus in case of fire.

Car walk

The Car Walk service, which ensures Niagara College evening students safe escort to their vehicles after dark, was a successful part of a new safety awareness at the college this year.

Environment Centre

Niagara College launched The Centre for Environmental Training to assist Canada's businesses, industries, and municipalities in developing the latest skills to implement environmental solutions and promote development. A one-year environmental management program will be offered in September of 1992.

Knights win title

For the third year in a row, the Niagara College Knights men's hockey team claimed the International Collegiate Hockey League trophy. The Knights beat the Buffalo State Bengals 5-3.

Curling team wins gold

For the first time in 20 years, the Niagara College mixed curling team won a gold metal. The team competed in the Ontario Athletic Association championships held in Thunder Bay.

New Residence

With a possible completion date of September of 1993, Niagara College students will finally have a residence on campus. The campus will house between 200 to 300 students.

Entertainment

Deadheads come alive

Grateful Dead plays two shows in Hamilton

By KATHERINE TOWNE
Staff Writer

No sitting for this crowd!

More than 36,000 so-called "deadheads" from all across North America arrived at Copps Coliseum in Hamilton, Ont. last Friday for two nights of dancing with the Grateful Dead.

Touring for more than 25 years, the Grateful Dead has travelled throughout the world playing rhythmic-blues rock. The Hamilton tour was sold out in 56 minutes. Followers swarmed outside the coliseum where police blocked off streets and organized pedestrian traffic.

Deadheads used a private parking lot across from Copps Coliseum where they sold T-shirts, jewelry, crafts and food out of their Volkswagen vans. The crowd was mellow while they peacefully roamed the streets waiting for the doors to open at 7 p.m.

"For the amount of people, it's amazing how great these shows turn out," said Robin Ruscio, 29, from St. Catharines. Mr. Ruscio has followed The Dead for 11 years and has seen the group perform throughout North America and Europe. "I've seen 30 something shows so far," he said.

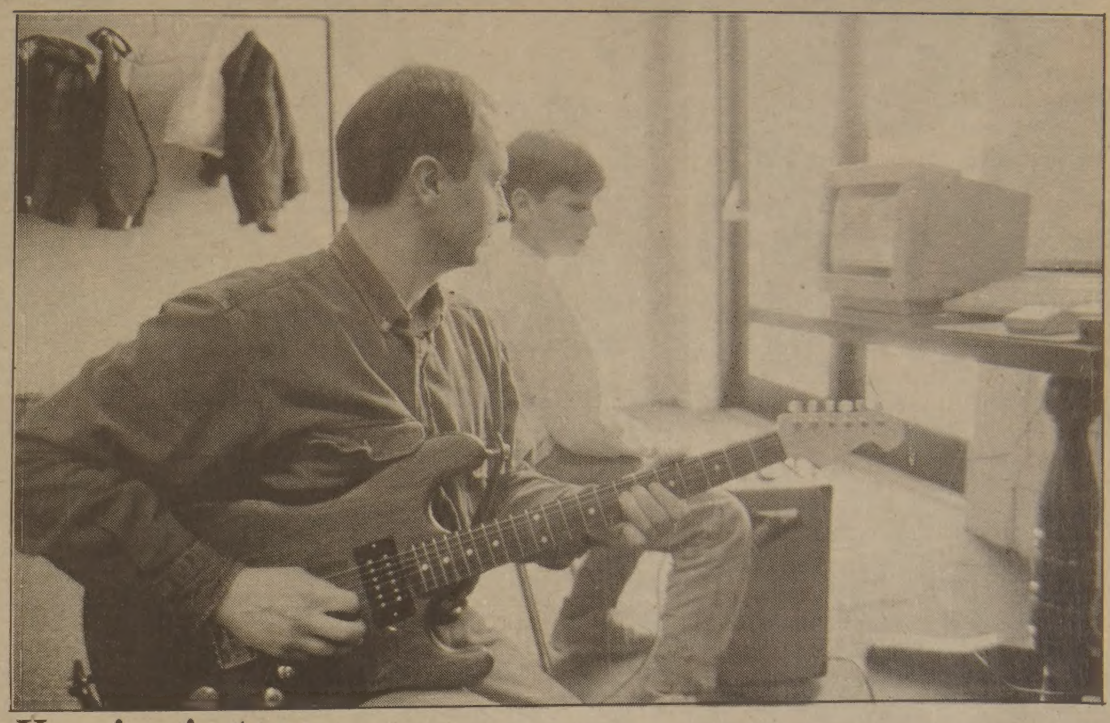
Each show included more than three hours of blue grass, country, and folk rock music with a half-hour break between sets. Psychedelic light shows during second sets tranced the crowd into a somewhat mellow mood, and then revved the crowd up into a frenzy again. People were dancing in the aisles and down the coliseum corridors. Women wore sandals and long colorful T-shirts and skirts. Bells from ankle bracelets jingled as people skipped through the crowd. The men didn't wear much different.

Opinions of the shows varied as much as the music selections the group played each night. Mr. Ruscio said he enjoyed the first night because the band played the tunes he wanted to hear. Friends Mr. Ruscio came with left after the first set of the first night because the music wasn't loud enough for them.

"By the second night, Dan Healy (the soundman for the Grateful Dead) had the decibels down pat," Mr. Ruscio said. "It took the second night to get it together."

Gary Watson, 24, who drove from Montreal to see his ninth show, stated: "I love the drum solos, man. The lights and the rhythms get to me."

The Grateful Dead had enough talent and charisma to fill everyone's pallet. By Saturday at 11:30 p.m., the streets around Copps Coliseum were crowded with deadheads leaving for home and anxiously waiting until they meet again at another concert.



Keeping in tune

Dan Kozar, a first-year general college student, helped Ryan Pieterse, 10, compose a variety of music on a computer at the Non-Traditional Students' Association child care during the elementary schools' March break. A $5 fee enabled students to take advantage of the child care held in the teachers' lunchroom in the Black Walnut building at the Welland campus.

Photo by Diana Harris

New pool hall image, Rack 'n' Roll 'a success'

By SHANNON STRANGES
Staff Writer

When one pictures a pool hall, it is not uncommon to think about the image painted by Hollywood.

A smoke-filled room, gangsters hanging out, language bluer than the sky, old fat men smoking cigars, and scenes from the movies The Hustler or The Color of Money flash through our minds when the words pool hall are spoken.

However, that image is being changed thanks to Rack 'n' Roll.

Rack 'n' Roll is a new billiard hall in Welland located on Niagara Street where the old Canadian Tire store was located.

When walking in, the bright lights hit you immediately. This is no dark stinky room. The walls are painted a dark purple and blue. Televisions are positioned in different corners of the area, each showing a different channel.

With 21 tables available for playing, any time of the day will see at least one-third of them being used.

Owners Randy and Rick Herkimer and Tony Pugliese opened the establishment in late December 1991. The Herkimers owned a couple of successful pool halls in their native St. Catharines and found Welland to be an "open market."

The billiard room has so far proved to be "a success" in Welland. Friday and Saturday nights are the busiest times.

"A lot of college and high school students come in to play Friday and Saturday nights," Rick said.

Tuesday nights are also busy with various teams playing.

Games cost $6.10 an hour for two people. The price goes up one dollar for every extra person. An eight-ball tournament, which started March 4, is played every Wednesday starting at 7:30 p.m. There is a $5 entry cost.

Rick said Welland is a "nice location."

Rack 'n' Roll is open seven days a week from 11 a.m. to 3 a.m.

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Canadians have Border Cross Blues

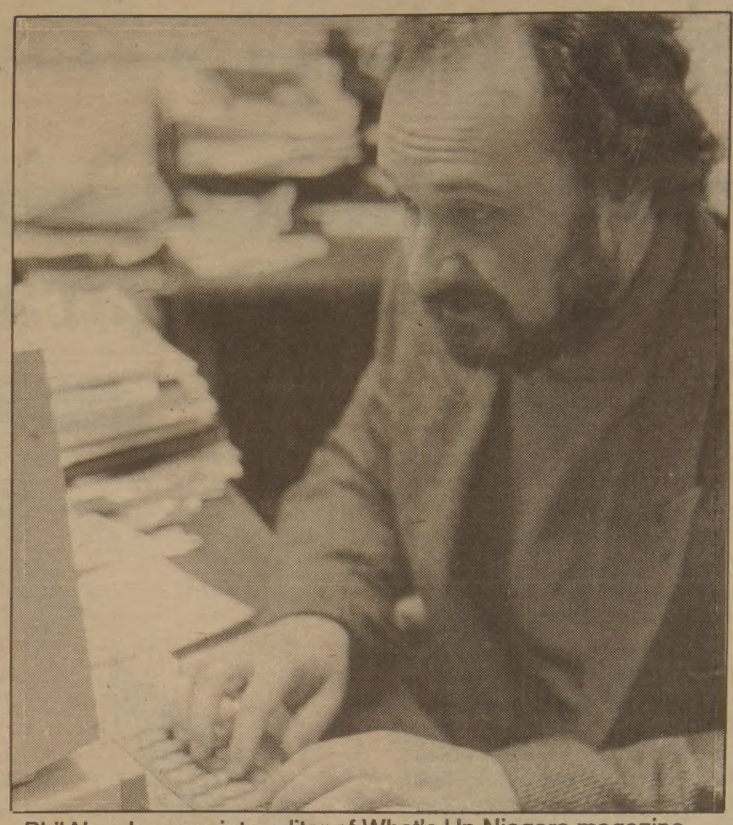
By DOUG MORTON
Staff Writer

The co-producer of a an award-winning film says it takes a non-biased look at a highly contentious Niagara issue.

Cross-border shopping, above most issues on the local scale of controversy, inspired the documentary, Border Cross Blues, recently named best in the current affairs category by the Ontario Cable Television Association.

Former Niagara College broadcast student Phil Novak, a self-described "multi-media journalist" and associate editor of St. Catharines-based magazine What's Up Niagara, helped win first prize for the Maclean-Hunter production. The film also won third prize in the documentary category, he said during an interview at his Geneva Street office.

Aired "on a regular basis" since last September on Maclean-Hunter Cable 10, Mr. Novak calls the film a "social commentary." His second cable production, Mr. Novak has worked in radio, film and print media since landing his first job with CHSC radio in St. Catharines while still attending Niagara College in 1987.



Phil Novak, associate editor of What's Up Niagara magazine, in his office in St. Catharines. Photo by Doug Morton

"We wanted people to see the complete picture," Mr. Novak said, explaining the film translates strong opinions spoken from both sides of the issue.

The three-month shooting began last May in conjunction with Maclean-Hunter, who contracted Mr. Novak as the show's host and co-producer, and Gary Kaulback as editor and camera operator. Using Maclean-Hunter equipment, the pair created the news-theme film on location throughout Niagara. A studio segment included a crew of five at Maclean-Hunter's St. Catharines facilities.

"It's an issue that hasn't really been dealt with before on community TV. We wanted to make this one special," he said.

From Canadian cross-border shoppers "we picked-up on two things very quickly...they want to buy cheaper U.S. goods...and they want to protest."

In many ways "this is the Canadian version of the Boston Tea Party," Mr. Novak said. The protest element found during interviews, Mr. Novak explained, is "a form of tax protest...people are saying I won't pay your GST. I won't pay your higher prices."

On the flip side, the film — "a polished production that could be aired on any network" — expresses the anger and dismay of opposition groups, including border town mayors, federal and provincial politicians and a variety of merchants and support groups.

Mr. Novak's experience making the film has sworn him off shopping "over the river" forever, he said,

Even though he said he felt comfortable the production balanced opposing opinions, his personal stand — against cross-border shopping — solidified because of it.

"I'm Canadian. I don't see any benefit in supporting a foreign economy," he said.

He added another note, perhaps qualifying the Border Cross Blues title: "Canadians are supporting the American infrastructure with no benefits in return except a few dollars saved."

Entertainment

Perished whales incite awareness

Stephen Best, co-founder of the International Wildlife Coalition and noted wildlife activist, recently visited Brock University to inform the public on the plight of pilot whale strandings.

Sponsored by Niagara Action for Animals, Mr. Best spoke at length of recent strandings and presented a slide show called WHALES AGROUND.

In September and October 1991, four different strandings took place along the coast of Cape Cod, Mass. and in December 1986, more than 80 whales washed up along the Eastham, Mass. shore.

The December incident saw all of the whales perish. If not for the incompetence, bickering, and unorganization among the different groups, probably half of the whales could have been saved.

The stranding period, which takes place from October to January, occurs annually. No action can be taken until the whales actually strand themselves, which is part of the problem.

After 1986, different groups decided to work together to try to save more whales. The IWC, the Centre of Cultural Studies, the New England Aquarium, and the Cape Cod Stranding Volunteers came together each with their own responsibility to help the mammals survive.

The slide show presented the audience with a visual aid to give the full impact of the strandings.

Mr. Best has been involved with wildlife issues for more than 20 years. The IWC, which was formed in 1984, has approximately 300,000 supporters. The group is involved in adopting humpback whales from Peru, protecting the seals from hunters on the Newfoundland coast, adopting elephants in Sri Lanka, and protecting elephants in Tanzania from poachers among other issues.

Degrassi talks sex, alcohol and abuse

By SUE EATON
Staff Writer

Perhaps the high involvement of the young stars, who many Canadian teens and young adults have gotten to know and trust by watching the Degrassi characters grow up on television, is one of the main reasons the stories they reveal are so upfront and moving.

Another contributing factor to the successful interviews depicted is that there does not seem to be the usual power struggle between the interviewer and the interviewee. It really is, as the advertisement says, "kids talking to kids about topics that matter."

In the opening episode of the series, Ms. Stepto interviews a young woman who became pregnant and gave her child up for adoption. Ms. Stepto reveals to the interviewee that she herself was adopted. The young woman questioned Ms. Stepto as to what her reactions to her own adoption were.

What was happening on the screen in front of me was pure interaction between two young Canadians. I felt like I was witnessing a very privileged moment.

I doubt that an "adult" interviewer, talking to this young woman about her experience would have achieved such a dramatic and successful interview.

There are some minor glitches with the series, however, that need to be worked out. For example, it shows that the Degrassi stars have not had a lot of experience conducting interviews. They sometimes have trouble asking the questions that generate more than a yes or no response.

On the whole, this is a wonderful documentary series, for it provides a wonderful learning resource for any teen or young adult on issues that concern them, and for any person who works with these age groups.

Hopefully Degrassi Talks will continue for more than six episodes.

Sex, alcohol and abuse. All of these are concerns that affect the daily lives of many teenagers and young adults, yet in a public forum, these issues are seldom talked about from the youths' point of view.

Until now, that is.

On Monday, Feb. 24, CBC television began airing a six-part documentary series entitled Degrassi Talks. The interview format of the show permits a candid examination of stories of real-life Canadian teens and young adults from their own point of view. Even the song in the opening title-sequence reinforces the notion that "Degrassi talks, from coast to coast, with real people."

Degrassi Talks is a spin-off from the award-winning CBC programs Degrassi Jr. High and Degrassi High and is produced by Playing with Time Inc., the same people who produced the other Degrassi shows. The new series also makes use of the actors and actresses who starred in the previous series.

The Degrassi stars who now appear as themselves, but previously played the roles of Spike, Wheels, Caitlin, Kathleen, Joey and Yick take turns hosting the shows, which weekly, deal with different topics such as sex, teen pregnancy, alcoholism, emotional, physical and sexual abuse and depression. The star hosting each individual show had some encounter dealing with the weekly topic in their previous character role. Amanda Stepto, for example, who played Spike, a teenage mom in the Degrassi shows, hosted the show dealing with sex.

This purposeful assignment of the casting of weekly hosts lends a great deal of perceived creditability to the show.

This credibility is further heightened by the having the young stars conduct the less formal "on the street interviews" as well as having them operating the camera equipment.

Cold Fire burns out

By SHANNON STRANGES
Staff Writer

Terror is the best way to describe a book written by Dean R. Koontz. Unfortunately, his latest novel, *COLD FIRE*, is a far cry from terrorizing. Suspenseful is the better modifier.

COLD FIRE is the story of a mysterious man named Jim Ironheart who has a knack of saving people, deemed special by an unknown guiding force, from certain death.

During one of his rescues, he meets a disenchanted journalist Holly Thorne, who is intrigued by the man.

Thorne follows Ironheart on one of his rescues and decides she wants to know more about the stranger. They work together to find the reason behind Ironheart's special calling.

A hidden past and a surprise revelation greet the duo as more and more of Ironheart's memory unfolds.

Unlike *THE BAD PLACE, DARKFALL, or PHANTOMS,* to name a few of Koontz' more terrifying novels, this book was more of a suspenseful thriller.

While I was hoping for nightmare-style terror, I instead found the suspense refreshing. The story easily drew the reader in and was hard to put down.

Koontz again plays upon the reader's fears that anything is truly possible. Like Stephen King and John Saul, who work in a similar genre, the mere thought something like this could happen in real life sparks a slight discomfort.

Sports

'Thunder'storm brewing for Niagara student

By KARI CHWIECZAK
Staff Writer

An Ontario Hockey League player's life has its ups and downs. Some will lead hectic lives with unsurmountable pressure to win, while others will breeze through a season preparing for a National Hockey League career.

First-year Niagara College General College student Todd Simon, a sophomore scoring sensation with the Niagara Falls Thunder, has an intensity and desire to win that has earned him respect in the OHL.

Todd was the leading scorer at the end of regular season with 53 goals and 93 assists for 146 points. He received the Eddie Powers Memorial Trophy.

The quiet 5' 11" 185 lb. centre set a personal goal early in the season to average two points a game and credits much of his success to his linemates Kevin Brown and Ethan Moreau.

"Hockey is a team game too," 19-year-old Todd said. "You have to have five guys going at all times to be successful.

"Early in the season, our team wasn't doing too well. The hockey critics had us finishing fourth or fifth," he said. "And as a young team, it was up to the older guys to carry the team." The Thunder regrouped mid-way through the year to finish second in the Emms Division with 82 points.

Todd was four years old when he first laced on a pair of skates in his hometown of Toronto. He remained in the city until his midget year with the Don Mills Flyers. The Thunder selected Todd in the fifth round of the 1989 OHL Priority Selection Draft. He played one season with the Junior B Port Colborne Schooners in 1989 and is in his second full season with the Thunder.

Todd created a lot of noise in his rookie campaign by leading the Thunder in scoring and capturing Rookie of the Year honors. He was the top rookie scorer in the Canadian Hockey League.

Former Thunder player Brad May, now with the NHL's Buffalo Sabres, assisted Todd in tackling the newcomer's obstacles.

"Brad is such a good role model," Todd said. "He was my left-winger and he always worked hard with so much dedication. I learned a lot from just watching him."

Thunder games' attendance has dropped the past few years, to an average of 3,000 fans per game. Despite the team's popularity, rumors have circulated about a relocation to Newmarket, Ont. Team owners are hoping to sell 1,500 season tickets for next year, with about 1,100 tickets already sold.

"Niagara Falls is a good place to play. The guys are happy here and no one wants to relocate, but we'll have to wait and see."

Whatever the Thunder's future, it is doubtful Todd will be in the team's plans. He is rated to go high in this June's NHL entry draft in Montreal.

'A few teams have spoken to me'

"A few teams have spoken to me, so I know there is some interest," he said. "I think about it a lot, and I know I'll be confident heading in there."

Despite the never-ending criticism hockey fans aim at Eric Lindros, who refuses to play for Quebec Nordiques, the NHL team who drafted him, Todd respects his actions.

"When he says something, he means it," Todd said. "I don't think what he's doing is right, but you have to respect him."

Todd said he would play for the team which selects him. "For one thing, I'm not the same calibre as Lindros, so I couldn't dictate where I wanted to go," he added. "This (to be drafted) has been a dream of mine since I've played the game. So many kids would die to play in the NHL."

This is Todd's third year away from home. He boards with a Niagara Falls family and has adjusted to the arrangement.

"It was tough at first because I was lonely and homesick. Plus, at that age, you're really not mature yet. But now I love it. I'm with a great family, and I'm treated like their own son."

TODD SIMON

Five other Thunder enrolled at Niagara

For some players, finding time to successfully juggle hockey and school is a rarity, but it is not a problem for Todd.

"We do have a lot of practices, but we can get homework done on the long bus trips," he added. "If you learn to dedicate yourself properly, school shouldn't be a problem."

Five other Thunder players are enrolled in the General College program at Niagara, including Kevin Brown, Mike DeCoff, Scott Campbell, Dan Krisko and Welland native Rick Corriveau.

Todd enrolled at Niagara for a change of pace. "I wanted to do something different. I wanted to meet new people and get out in society instead of being at the rink all day."

In recent years, Ontario junior hockey has evolved into a competitive league. "I think it's more popular now," Todd said. "So many kids are trying hard to get into the OHL. And if Gretzky buys a junior team in Toronto, I can see the league really taking off."

Another league feature is the rivalry between division teams. One team giving the Thunder a run is third place London Knights.

"We've always got to be ready to play them because they're such a competitive team," Todd said.

"I get very uptight and nervous when we play London." he said. "But once I get out for my first shift, I relax, let the puck hit my stick, and I go."

Before each game, he relaxes on his bed listening to music. "I'm not a very talkative person, so I go to the rink, tape my sticks and think about the game.

The Thunder have advanced to semi-final action in the OHL playoffs. Tentative dates were not available at press time.

Hey, baseball fans! The countdown begins

By BARON BEDESKY
Staff Writer

For major league baseball fans, opening day is less than 10 days away. The amount of time baseball fans have been forced to endure between Minnesota's dramatic World Series triumph in October, and the first pitch of the 1992 season amounts to cruel and unusual punishment.

It's time to humbly present my predictions for 1992.

A.L. East

1. Baltimore Orioles. What? You thought it would be the Blue Jays? After a fabulous 1989 season in which they almost went from worst to first, the Orioles struggled in 1990 and 1991. However, they have lots of young pitching and shortstop Cal Ripken Jr. has almost achieved god- like status. In a brand new ballpark, this will be Baltimore's year.
2. Toronto Blue Jays. Additions Jack Morris and Dave Winfield should help but there are too many other questions. Tom Henke, Dave Stieb and Mike Timlin are coming off injuries. Look for off-years from Juan Guzman and Devon White. Is that Manny Lee at shortstop? Pat Borders catching? Do I hear choking? Does anyone know the Heimlich maneuver?
3. Boston Red Sox. They'll be in the race but will continue to be afflicted with the "curse of the Bambino." Legend has it the Boston squad was cursed back in 1919 after selling a young pitcher named Babe Ruth to the Yankees. Hmmm, the last time they were World Series champs was 1918. Milwaukee with their chronic injury problems will finish fourth, the Tigers and their ancient pitching staff fifth, and the once-proud Yankee franchise will be mired in sixth-place mud.

A. L. West

Oakland A's. These guys took it on the chin last year because of injuries and disappointing free-agent signings. They still have strong pitching and a veteran squad that can handle the pressure of a pennant race. Throw in Dennis Eckersley out of the pen and the experience of Tony LaRussa as manager and you've got another first-place finish. If the A's falter, the White Sox with their youth movement should prevail.

N.L. East

New York Mets. They've added Bret Saberhagen from the Royals and signed free agents Bobby Bonilla, Eddie Murray, and Willie Randolph, all proven veterans. As long as their pitching stays healthy, they've got to be the favorites. The defending champion Pirates are being systematically dismantled for financial reasons.

N.L. West

Los Angeles Dodgers. This may be manager Tommy Lasorda's last hurrah. After just missing first place last year, the Dodgers added the talented but injury-prone Eric Davis and knuckleballer Tom Candiotti. Watch for a kid in the bullpen named Rudy Seanez. The Cincinnati Reds, the 1990 World Series champs should give the Dodgers the best run for the money.

Junior hockey a hot commodity

By KARI CHWIECZAK
Staff Writer

Junior hockey has become a profitable phenomenon. Until recent years, leagues such as the Ontario Hockey League drew little fan support through the turnstiles.

The 1989-90 arrival of superstar Eric Lindros, who donned the infamous Number 88 for the Oshawa Generals, broke new ground for the OHL's 16 teams and created what few thought would be a money-making market.

In the early 1980s, junior hockey was synonymous with fighting. Rarely would a talented goal scorer crawl out from the woodwork. To date, the calibre of the OHL has opened doors for various players and the teams they represent, such as Cornwall Royals' John Slaney, Guelph Storm's Jeff Bes, and Detroit Ambassadors' Pat Peake. These names, although not as prominent as Lindros, lure the fans to the games.

Despite the many players who have recently graduated from the OHL to the National Hockey League (NHL), such as Owen Nolan, Mike Ricci, Keith Primeau, and Steven Rice, the flood of fans at the gate has not decreased.

Hockey fanatics are realizing junior hockey is for real. The players aren't goons, nor rowdy teenaged males who are passing time, but hockey hopefuls. The OHL has been touted as a doormat for the big league NHL.

Although Number 88 has graduated, fan support continues to grow. Young men with the potential to dominate the way Lindros did, including Niagara Falls Thunders' Todd Simon, keep the fans coming back for more.

SPORTS

Stories by Shannon Stranges

Majoring in statistics on and off the ice

Rookie Knight member of winning hockey team

Statistics play an important role in the life of a hockey player. Whether penalty minutes, goals against average, plus-minus rating, or points per game, a hockey player's life becomes one big statistic when his playing days are over.

Statistics are also a major factor in the Business Administration Operations Management program at Niagara College.

Now imagine putting the two together. What kind of player-student would be the result?

Well, Andrew Clark is a good example.

Andrew is a third-year Business Administration Operations Management student and a first-year player with the Niagara Knights hockey team.

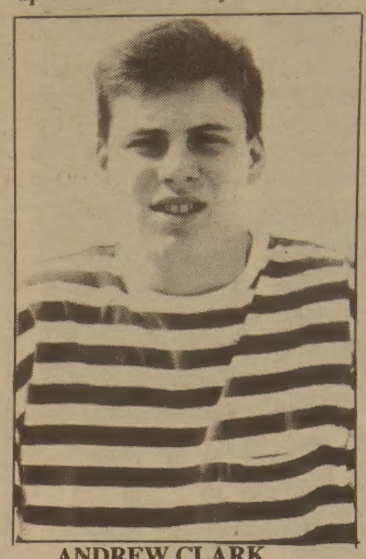
The 23-year-old player was a member of this year's successful International Collegiate Hockey League championship team. He played centre and left wing on a line with team captain Kent Loach and assistant captain Simon Wayda.

Like many hockey players, Andrew has certain rituals he follows before each game.

"I skate around the ice and touch the nets with my stick making sure I hit the other team's net first."

Dressing the same way before a game is another ritual he follows.

He started playing hockey when he was three years old and worked up to minor hockey in Pelham.



ANDREW CLARK

From there he went on to play on his E.L. Crossley High School hockey team. While there, he was voted most valuable player on the team.

"Fred Bassi is the best coach I have ever played for. He taught me about having a positive attitude and playing tough. During the championship weekend, I think the best speeches ever came out of Fred's and Jim Beattie's mouths. They are two of the best coaches.

"I wish I had played harder in Saturday's game. It was an important game and I felt like I let my team down. I always try to go out and do my best for my team. Hockey is a team game so when you play like an individual, your team will lose."

Playing against rival schools Penn State and Conestoga College were also highlights of the season.

"I liked playing against Penn State. They were tough against us skill wise. Conestoga was a tough, physical team. They had a couple of players who liked to use their sticks a lot. Playing against Erie (Community College) was always a big game for us.

"The worst arena we played in was in Orchard Park — Erie's rink. The boards were warped, the glass was broken, the dressing rooms were small, the benches were small, and the water was bad.

"The best arena I've ever played in was in Lake Placid, N.Y. I played there for a high school tournament. The arena and the dressing rooms were big."

"The best arena I've ever been in is Maple Leaf Gardens in Toronto. It just sends chills down my spine. It puts Montreal to shame."

Andrew is a diehard fan of the Toronto Maple Leafs. His favorite player is former Leaf great, Dave 'Tiger' Williams. He liked the way Tiger played, using his size and work ethic.

Asked about this season's highlights, Andrew cited his linemates and coaches. "The highlight of this year was playing on a line with Kent Loach and Simon Wayda. Any time you get to play with seasoned veterans, it's a bonus. They really helped out. They helped my game improve.

While not exactly a physical force on the Knights — he had less than 15 minutes in penalties for the season — he does love the fighting aspect of the game.

"It's part of the game. I'd rather get hit by a punch than a hockey stick."

Besides hockey, Andrew plays basketball, golf, and used to play lacrosse. During the summer, he works at the Golden Horseshoe Hockey School in St. Catharines.

His background in statistics and an appreciation of basketball failed him this weekend during the National Collegiate Athletic Association's March Madness in the U. S. when his team, the Kansas Jayhawks, lost to University of Texas at El Paso.

After graduation, Andrew would like a job in purchasing. "In my course, we work with statistics which I enjoy."

He's not playing in his father's shadow

Being the son of a famous hockey player has its advantages and disadvantages. The comparisons can be overwhelming and, at times, bothersome.

Second-generation hockey players often live in the shadow of their famous fathers.

Brett Hull and Mark Howe have gone through it. Guy Larose is going through it. And someday young Ty Gretzky may go through it.

Dale Zimmerman, a 20-year-old Niagara College student, has never gone through it.

Dale's father, like Brett's, Mark's, and Guy's, played professional hockey. Dale's father, Lynn Zimmerman played in the World Hockey Association for the Houston Aeros, the Rochester Americans in the Western Hockey League and for two teams in the Eastern Hockey League. Lynn played for and against such hockey heroes as Don Cherry, Andy Bathgate and Johnny Bower. He was coached at one point in his career by Punch Imlach.

Unlike others, Dale has not felt the pressure of being compared to a famous hockey-playing father.

A centre, as compared to his father who played goal, Dale was a member of this year's successful Niagara College Knights hockey team. He managed just over 20 points and ended with 26 minutes in penalties. Dale is in first year of the Electrical Electronic Technician program.

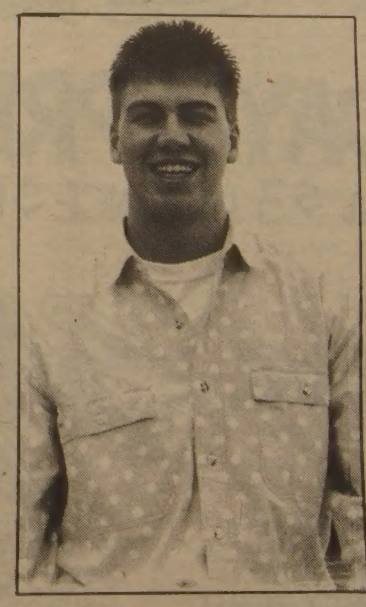
"I've grown up in a hockey family," Dale said. "My dad played professionally. My brother received a scholarship from Western Michigan University to play hockey. I've played since I was three.

"I used to go to my dad's practices and watch him on the television. After the games, I'd go into the dressing room with him."

The roles are reversed today. Mr. Zimmerman watches his son play as often as possible. "My dad comes to my games regularly. He tells me what I'm doing right or wrong."

While playing at Niagara, Dale enjoyed the competition. "I liked playing against Conestoga College and Penn State University. They challenged us more. The other teams weren't much of a threat to us.

"We had a real good team this year. I played on a good line with Rob Lebedick and Mike Dakin. We also had Jason Disher and Rick Ryan who used to play Jr. B hockey for the local teams."



DALE ZIMMERMAN

Before playing with Niagara, Dale played Jr. B hockey in Fort Erie and Port Colborne.

"American teams are not as strong as some of the Canadian Jr. B teams," he said when comparing the competition.

Mr. Zimmerman describes his son's style "as very unselfish."

"Dale is a very fussy player. He puts pressure on himself to play well. He works hard and is very disciplined in his own end."

Asked to describe his style of play, Dale smiled. "I think I'm aggressive. I like to play that way. I try to model myself after Laurie Boschman (a former Toronto Maple Leaf and Winnipeg Jet player). He was a tough player which I try to be. He liked to play rough and so do I. I think fighting is part of the game.

Rough play is one of the reasons he likes the playing style of Billy Smith, a former New York Islander goalie. Smith is still considered a premier goalie today. His stickwork behind and in front of the net is often compared to Ron Hextall of the Philadelphia Flyers, another premier goalie.

Besides playing hockey, the Fort Erie native is busy during the off-season playing tennis and weight-lifting. His love of weight-lifting is patterned after his favorite actor, Arnold Schwarzenegger. His other activities include wood working and coaching a hockey school.

When Dale graduates, he wants to get an apprenticeship in electricity. After that, he wants to teach electronics and building construction.

New competition for Knights next season

ICHL gets two new teams

The Niagara College men's hockey team will face two new teams next season. Seneca College in Toronto and Sheridan College in Oakville were recently unanimously voted into the International Collegiate Hockey League by the other teams.

The new colleges will be competing against Niagara College, the University of Buffalo, Buffalo State University, Conestoga College, Erie Community College, and Pennsylvania State University.

Bill Linton, men's varsity coordinator and Seneca Braves' hockey coach, said his school joined the ICHL because of budget problems and because the ICHL is "a solid league."

"Our team has traditionally been considered a strong team. By joining the ICHL, we will be facing a different level of competition and playing a set number of games," said Mr. Linton.

Seneca played a different number of games every season because of teams dropping out.

The Sheridan Bruins, coached by Steve Blundy, joined the ICHL because of problems with the Ontario Collegiate Athletic Association.

Coach Blundy said his school had to get better quality for its money and the ICHL provided much better competition.

He said the OCAA no longer held an eligibility rule. Some of the other teams had players who were over 24 years old and had played Major A hockey.

Mr. Blundy said by joining the ICHL his team will be playing a style of play better suited for their team.

"In the ICHL, skating is emphasized," said the coach.

Sheridan joined the OCAA in 1968 while Seneca joined in 1967.

Niagara College Knights' coach and president of the ICHL, Fred Bassi, predicted the league would be divided into four Canadian and four American teams.

Both Mr. Bassi and Athletic Coordinator Peter Rylander were happy with the new additions to the league.

"It will greatly improve the number of teams and the standard of play in the league," said Mr. Rylander.

The budget for Niagara College will not change dramatically. Changes to the schedule would mean playing a more local team, like Conestoga College, one or two times less. It was also thought an exhibition game might be done away with.

The ICHL was originally called the Finger Lakes League 14 years ago, but when Niagara joined 12 years ago, the name was changed.

Television as a tool for democratic change

By LYNN DRAPEAU
Staff Writer

Tony Adams, a Niagara College television instructor in the Broadcasting Radio, Television and Film program, is going to Asmara, Eritrea on a one-year sabbatical.

Eritrea was formerly a province of Ethiopia. It is located near the Red Sea on the horn of Africa.

Mr. Adams was approached a few weeks ago by a Montreal company called Altercine, who wanted him, along with six others, four from Montreal, one from Toronto and one from Washington, D.C., to help establish an education broadcast television channel. He will be leaving May 4 or 5.

In Asmara, Mr. Adams will be helping to build two studios, while helping to train 60 students in journalism, editing, camera, sound and other television work.

"I'm looking forward to the challenge," he said.

There are other obstacles he must face. The two main languages are Arabic and Trgrinian. There is some Italian and English-speaking people, but they have had to recruit many Eritreans who have been working in television outside the country.

"They will assist and hopefully be the main producers and directors," Mr. Adams said.

Because it is a poor country, there are only about 16,000 television sets for more than three million people. In the small villages, the people will set up community areas to view television. At this time, there is only about 40 per cent coverage, but Canco, a Montreal company, wants 90 per cent coverage by the end of the three-year projection date.

The reason more educational television is needed is because a referendum will be held in 14 months. The companies involved are independent and not government-owned. That way, there will be no government influence on what goes on air, Mr. Adams said. "This is to help democratize the country."

The money to finance the operation comes from non-government organizations, mainly Canadian, and the Eritreans working outside their country. These people donate five per cent of their salaries to help the reconstruction of their country.

There is a $2-million budget for equipment, labor and everything else. The studios will be built on what was formerly known as El Forto.

"There's a huge amount of work to be done in a very short amount of time," Mr. Adams said. "I think it's important to go and help these underdeveloped countries get ahead."

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'Wellness' replaces fitness

A new look at an old idea

By MARILYN WALKINGTON
Staff Writer

With spring finally here and the mental drains of winter wearing off, there arrives the realization that summer and bathing suits are just around the corner.

March and April are the months most people begin their once-a-year fitness program to achieve the goal of getting in shape for the next season. But the new age of healthy lifestyles introduces the concept of "active living" as more people get in touch with the importance of their entire well-being.

"People don't have to run five miles a day to be in shape," said Peter Rylander, co-ordinator of athletics at Niagara College. "It's just important to be involved with a variety of activities (to maintain a healthy lifestyle) for rest of your life."

A group dedicated to promoting physical activity as a way of life began last March in co-operation with the federal Ministry of Health and Welfare Fitness Canada. The Active Living Alliance for Children and Youth specializes in promoting collaborative and co-operative services with other local community organizations involved with "active living," especially for children and youths.

The idea of active living, as recognized with the Living Alliance for Children and Youth group, also introduces the concept of "wellness," Mr. Rylander said.

"Wellness is mental, physical, and spiritual - feeling good all over, where as fitness is being intune only with your body."

Danielle Gagnon, project officer with the Living Alliance, said the group started as an extention of Canada Fitness as "the means and tools to reach more people with a broader perspective. We want to be some kind of national clearance house. If people have questions about physical activities, we direct them to (local facilities)."

"We are a place (for organizations and individuals) to call to get ideas, counselling and advice on anything having to do with physical activities."

Ms. Gagnon said although the Living Alliance is a non-profit organization, it has the funding from Fitness Canada to promote the delivery of activity programs between local institutions.

The Living Alliance includes 28 national organizations, such as the Heart and Stroke Foundation, Parks and Recreation Departments, the Girl Guides of Canada, Red Cross, and the YMCA and the YWCA.

"Active living goes further than just physical fitness—it involves a healthy lifestyle, as well as healthy eating," Catherine Kanters, program director for the Family YMCA of Niagara Falls, said.

"At the 'Y', part of our mission is to promote healthy living, which is more than physical fitness - mental, spiritual (the YMCA is a Christian organization), and physical development," she said.

In 1981, a Canada Fitness survey revealed that fitness levels of males and females declined in their teens. By 1985, the Canadian Symposium on Youth Fitness promoted a national task force and a Youth Secretariat to address the issue of teenagers dropping out of sports.

Further surveys determined that fitness leaders could not change the attitudes of 13 year olds toward fitness. The Living Alliance's new target group became one beginning at birth with the idea that the molding of attitudes towards healthy living should occur sooner, Ms. Gagnon said.

Paul Fell, principal at E. L. Crossley High School in Fonthill, said studying physical education is an option after Grade 9. With the greater number of mandatory courses necessary to complete high school in four years, students can't fit gym classes in, he said.

He said 90 per cent of the students, especially girls, involved with one sports team, like basketball, are usually the same people playing on another team, like volleyball.

Because Fitness Canada surveys found 60 per cent of Canadians are inactive and about 40 per cent are physically active or very fit, the Living Alliance needed a means to bring the two groups together. Then, within the groups' encouragement, each individual is still able to remain active at their "own pace, for their own fun, reaching their own social, psychological, spiritual, and physical needs," Ms. Gagnon said.

Ms. Gagnon said the concept of active living is nothing new but necessary to re-emphasize for people to develop a healthy mind as well as a healthy body.

She said the Living Alliance is still in its early stages of becoming known in its capacity, but its program intends to keep expanding on a national scope with future publicity. Fitness Week, May 25 until May 31, will be one chance to promote the group's focus on active living for 1992.

Student chefs cook cuisine with pros

By CAROLYN MULLIN
Staff Writer

In modern cuisine, presentation is everything.

The public who attended last Saturday's second annual Salon Culinaire looked at the menu, but couldn't eat anything.

But neither could the three judges who inspected food entries from 12 categories made by professional and amateur chefs. They were only looking for composition and workmanship.

The Salon Culinaire, held at Niagara Square in Niagara Falls, Ont., was sponsored by the Professional Chefs Association of Niagara in association with Niagara College Hospitality and Tourism Centre.

"Last year we had the event at the Hospitality and Tourism Centre," said Pat Hogan, food and beverage manager and instructor at the college, "but we want public exposure so people see what we can do."

Forty-five professional and 23 amateur chefs from across Ontario paid a $25 entry fee to create culinary delights from dinner platters to desserts and carvings. All 23 amateur entrants were students from the Niagara College culinary skills program.

Three judges from professional culinary areas graded entries based on composition and presentation, but not on taste. The displays were set up as early as 4 a.m. on Saturday, so most had to be preserved with a clear jelly called aspic because the judging did not take place until late morning.

The judges included Noboro Yamada, the executive sous-chef at the Bristol Place Hotel, Darrell Kirby an instructor in culinary skills at Niagara College and Robert Long, a chocolatier from Tecumseh, Ont.

The judges said they were equally impressed with the entrants.

"There is very strong calibre represented here today," said Mr. Long, who judges shows throughout Canada and the United States. Last weekend he was in Dearborn, Mich.

Those with scores closest to 40 total points won medals of gold, silver and bronze in each category, but each exhibit was judged individually, said Mr. Hogan.

"It is important to keep in mind that a platter is judged only on its own merit and not as compared to another platter," he stated on the entry form.

While the judges made their observations, the chefs stayed in another section of the mall so as to enforce anonymity. Therefore, first-year culinary skills students remained with the displays to answer questions from curious shoppers.

Students surprised onlookers when they revealed the ingredients in some of the carvings. A bust of Lawrence of Arabia was made from a block of salt, with no added ingredients, and an elaborately detailed dragon was carved from shortening.

An awards ceremony will take place Monday, March 30 at 6 p.m. at the Hospitality and Tourism Centre. Admission is $15 and reservations can be made by calling Beverley Ann Williams at 374-7454, Ext. 3602.

The Centre for Environmental Training is organized to assist Canada's businesses and municipalities in developing the latest skills to implement environmental solutions. The main organizers are front, Jon Ogryzlo, general manager; at back from left, Sophie Aggelonitis, Al Munro, and Nancy Connelly, who is no longer with the Centre.

Photo by Lisa Pratt

Enviro group promotes responsibility

By LISA PRATT
Staff Writer

The Niagara College Enviro Team is a group of people organized to promote environmental responsibility of the part of the staff, students and college administration.

It consists of a cross-section of faculty, support staff, administration and students. There are 15 members. Hans Van Der Slagt, vice-president of administration, is a member of the team.

The Enviro Team was created as part of a recommendation in the Environmental Strategy for the college.

"The team is one of the most important initiatives in the college," said Jon Ogryzlo, general manager of the Centre for Environmental Training at the college. "We've received a lot of support from the college so far."

The Enviro Team has a sub-committee organized to approach certain goals, including involving staff and students in the environmental strategies and initiatives, focusing on awareness and education for the college through a variety of modes, reviewing and applying organizational solutions in environmental zones in the college. These goals are terms of reference for the team to follow.

The Centre for Environmental Training is offering seminars, custom training, certification training, market research, applied research and special initiatives with the main focus on quality environmental management and waste reduction.

Latest newsletter here

By SUSAN EATON
Staff Writer

Extra! Extra! Read all about it in the latest edition of International Watch.

International Watch is a newsletter produced twice a term by Niagara College students enrolled in the Welland campus's International English as a Second Language Intensive Program.

Each faculty member of the English and Articulation Department received a copy of the Feb. 28 edition, as did vice-president academic David Schleich. A few copies went to the St. Catharines campus said Susan Vandenboom, teacher of the International English as a Second Language Intensive Program.

Any member of the Niagara College community is welcome to pick up a copy of International Watch from Ms. Vandenboom in Portable Two, located on the Welland campus. Articles featured in this edition include coverage of the polar bear dip, a description of the Chinese New Year celebration, the joys of playing hockey in Canada, different recipes and many comics.

This year's last edition of International watch is scheduled to be printed on April 24.

Supervisors assist student job search

By JOEL NAPHIN
Staff Writer

Supervisors from local career offices for Canada Employment Centres for Students were at Niagara College on Wednesday, March 24, to help students register for summer employment.

The supervisors were Julie Iemmolo, for Port Colborne; Maria McKinnon, for Fort Erie; Mike Velluso for St. Catharines; and Chantal Beaulieu for Welland and Dunnville. There is also an office in Niagara Falls.

"There's been a good turnout for all centres," Miss McKinnon said, adding, "It's important for students to get a job this summer because it's more difficult to find employment. We're here to help out in any way we can."

The program has existed for over 20 years. Students fill out a questionnaire. Each office goes through a selection and referral, where the centres select students for the types of jobs they've requested and they are referred to an employer.

Students may register anytime. All offices close Aug. 21 and reopen in the spring. If you would like to register with any of the offices you may pick up an application at the Job Search Centre located by the mini cafeteria in the Tecumseh Lounge, on the Welland campus, and they will pass on the applications to the career offices. Or you may stop by or call the different offices for applications or more information.

The main office is located at 184 Elm St., Port Colborne, 834-3629. In Fort Erie call 871-0503, in St. Catharines call 688-3663, in Welland/ Dunnville call 732-5025.

New logo marks 25th anniversary

By ABIGAIL KELLY
Staff Writer

This year not only marks Niagara College's 25th anniversary but also the 25th anniversary of Ontario's community colleges.

The logo commemorating the event has been designed by Konrad Sauer, a first-year student studying graphic design and advertising at Conestoga College in Kitchener.

The bilingual logo features the number 25 in green and 23 horizontal bars representing the 23 applied arts and technology colleges in Ontario.

"I wanted to portray the celebration with a very simple design," Mr. Sauer stated in a recent press release. "I chose the color green to symbolize Ontario and the growth of the colleges."

Mr. Sauer of Kitchener won first place in the logo design contest. He was presented with a $1,000 cheque by Richard Allen, minister of colleges and universities.

"The logo will serve as a visual reminder throughout the year of the contribution our colleges of applied arts and technology have made to the social and economic life of Ontario during the last quarter-century," Mr. Allen stated in a press release.

Students and alumni submitted more than 220 designs to a panel of judges drawn from a working group involved in planning province-wide anniversary celebrations. The group includes representatives of colleges' boards of governors, faculty, college administration, students, Ontario Public Service Employees Union, and the Franco-Ontarian community.

Richard Johnston, chairman of the Ontario Council of Regents, said the quality of the submissions were excellent, which made the judges' work difficult. "The fact we received so many designs is indicative of the talent being nurtured in our college classrooms," he stated.

Province-wide celebrations will begin in September 1992 and will include special awards, button campaigns, a college day at Skydome in Toronto, and local events sponsored by community colleges.

Mature attitude for safe sex shown during Daytona trip

By TARA GRIGG
Staff Writer

Students at Niagara College have a mature attitude when it comes to safe sex, says Carolyn Hurst, the college's Welland campus nurse.

In times when people need to limit the risks of having sex, the Student Administrative Council at the college, along with Mrs. Hurst, made condom information packages available to students going away during the March break. About 240 college students left for Daytona Beach, Fla. on Feb. 28.

The packages contained two condoms, a pamphlet on how to properly use a condom and information on common sexually transmitted diseases. They were distributed to students on the buses upon their arrival in Daytona Beach.

"Only one person blew their condoms up, and no one made airplanes out of the pamphlets," Mrs. Hurst said.

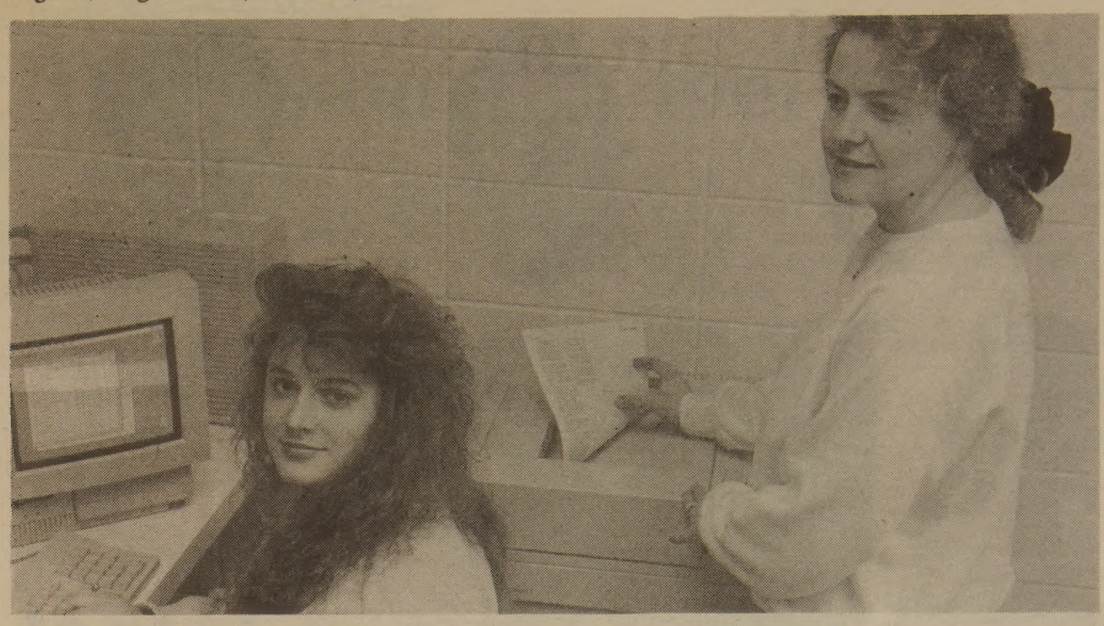
"Everybody on the buses took the condoms, and only two people came to the SAC office to pick up the packages early," said Dale Deloughery, SAC vice-president external affairs.

"Students who took the condoms displayed a very mature attitude," said Mrs. Hurst.

Ortho Pharmaceutical of Don Mills provided the condoms.

Dale said fewer packages were picked up early because students were embarrassed.

"Overall, the distribution was a success," he said.



Second-year journalism-print students Tara Grigg, left, and Sheri Hamilton, try out the new desktop system the Journalism-Print program recently acquired. The Macintosh system, costing about $20,000, is the third of its kind in the Niagara region.

Photo by Joel Naphin

Journalism moves to desktop

$20,000 system, third of its kind in region

By JOEL NAPHIN
Staff Writer

A desktop publishing system, costing about $20,000, has been added to the Journalism-Print program allowing students hands-on experience before entering the newspaper business.

The new Apple Macintosh system was installed during study week. Last Friday's edition of Niagara News, March 20, Vol. 22, No. 13, was the first edition produced using desktop.

"Everything in the paper except for graphics, rule point, photographs, and advertisements are produced on the system," said Phyllis Barnatt, program co-ordinator.

The system includes software programs NewsEdit and QuarkXPress. Hardware includes a Quadra 700 file server, and LaserWriter II laserprinter. These all replace the former system consisting of the MCS Compugraphic typesetting system and the Compugrapher 7200 headliner.

The previous system is about 10 years old and was the most up-to-date system when the advisory committee purchased it, Austin Jelbert, journalism instructor, said.

"At that time we were well ahead of many newspapers when we acquired it," he said. "It (the new system) is great and it makes the newspaper look good."

The new system was installed following a survey of daily and community newspapers on their production and newswriting last year.

There are many benefits to the desktop system.

Students are no longer handling chemicals which were used in the processor, Ms. Barnatt said.

Students may set individual headlines and cutlines saving more time. Course assignments can be done electronically. All copy editing is done in the Macintosh.

"Desktop brings the students much closer to an actual newspaper and prepares the students for what they will find in their employment, Ms. Barnatt said. "It opens new and exciting doors for the introduction of graphics and pagination of layout and design." Pagination is the process of designing and laying out a page on an electronic dummy system rather than on paper.

There are 15 Macintosh Plus computer units in the journalism room, S212, used by 27 second-year students.

"I think it's great, it saves a lot of time. It's more attractive looking and it speeds up the production process," said Tara Grigg, a second-year journalism student. "This system is new and exciting. I learn something new everyday about it. I think it will benefit the first-year students entering their second year."

"I really like the new system," said Sheri Hamilton, also a second-year journalism student. "It makes life in the newsroom a great deal easier, plus it's a great asset to have when applying for a job with a major-league newspaper."

There are only two other Quadra units in the Niagara region. Niagara College became the third regional location to acquire the system.

"I'm excited about the possibility of introducing computerized photography," said Ms. Barnatt, adding, "I appreciate the vote of confidence the college's board of governors and administration is showing in the journalism program."

The initial investigation for desktop was done when Neil McGregor, former director of the human services division in 1991, suggested the analysis be done for future program planning.

Larry Taylor, Niagara College's applied arts division director, said computers are the way of the future. He recently visited Rannie Printing and Publishing's offices in Beamsville, Ont. and saw how important computers are in newspapers for color separation, classified advertising and page layout.

"I believe without the technology we have, it will be impossible to find a job. You have to have computer technology not just in journalism, but in other areas as well," said Mr. Taylor.

Eviction notice served

By JASON DARRAH
Staff Writer

Lockers at Niagara College must be emptied by May 31 or the remaining items will be given to various local charity organizations.

"I'm making no exceptions," said Linda Maidens, the college's building operations supervisor.

She urged students to remove locks and contents before the May deadline because items left behind will not be stored.

"Students who go on holiday and expect their stuff to be here when they get back are (going to be) out of luck."

All items in lost and found will be given away "very shortly," said Ms. Maidens.

The lost and found area, located in the Tecumseh Centre's Lundy wing, Room 6, includes a shelf of near-new textbooks, student notebooks and a large container of clothing.

Ms. Maidens said one woman's coat is so new the price tag must have been removed just before it was abandoned. She estimates the coat's value at more than $200.

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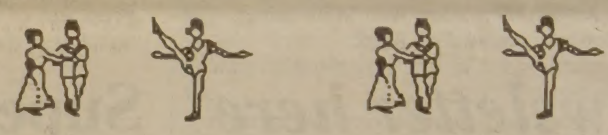

CASTING CALLS FOR EASTER SEALS SUMMER HEAT WAVE

TORONTO (March 19, 1992)--- Casting calls are out and open auditions have been scheduled for April 10 & 11, callbacks April 12, at the Joey & Toby Tanenbaum Opera center (Canadian Opera Company),227 Front Street East, Toronto, for young and enthusiaaasstic entertainers interested in touring with an 11 weekend waterfront show -- ***HEAT WAVE*** -- in support of The Easter Seal Society.

Themed as a club-med style caravan event of outdoor activity and entertainment, positions available with ***HEAT WAVE*** include 4 lead singers and 7 singers/dancers/gymnasts. Interested parties are asked to bring a resume and photo to the audition; candidates for singer must perform 2 songs (up tempo and ballad) and will be responsible for their own music. Audition times -- 10:00 am dancers; 1:00 pm singers.

All entertainment positions will be required to double as event activity coordinators during the day. Transportation and accomidation will be provided for the duration of the event.

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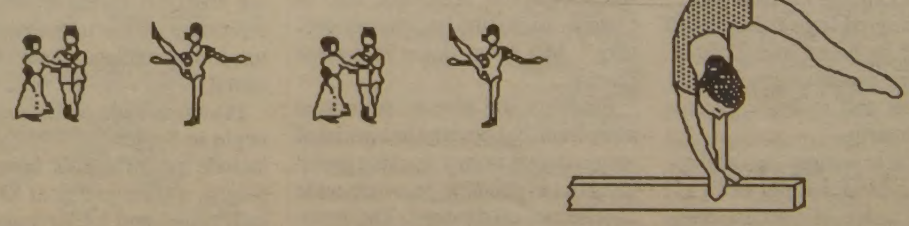

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Oka representative speaks on native issues

"One day International Women's Day won't be necessary," says Ellen Gabriel, keynote speaker at the second annual Niagara Regional International Women's Day celebration in St. Catharines on March 7.

In a 90-minute speech covering native issues with the emphasis on native women, Ms. Gabriel, a Mohawk spokesperson during the 1990 Oka crisis in Quebec, addressed a standing-room-only audience of more than 100 women in the St. Catharines Collegiate library.

Ms. Gabriel, a Mohawk of the Turtle clan and a member of the Iroquois Traditional Longhouse, was chosen by the women of the Longhouse to be the speaker for the Mohawks of Kanehsatake.

Wearing white moccasins, traditional beaded jewelry and holding an eagle feather, Ms. Gabriel was introduced as a "Canadian woman hero" by Deborah Toth, one of the 12 International Women's Day organizers.

After greeting the audience with the Mohawk word for hello - sago- the softly-spoken Ms. Gabriel said she does not consider herself as anyone special.

"There is a lot of strength out there among the native women. They are an integral part of keeping my culture together."

Three of the 39 native people who were charged with crimes during the summer of 1990 are women with young children. "The children of these mothers should be at home learning to crawl and not in a courthouse with their mothers," she said.

Ms. Gabriel said she beleives the Indian Act is sexist because prior to the 1982 Constitution under Bill C-31, native women who married non-native men lost their status as treaty Indians and lost their right to live on reservations.

"The Canadian government refuses to recognize women as custodians of the land. In the tradition of the Longhouse, women take care of the Earth because we are like Her; nurturing."

"Our ancestors told us to respect mother Earth; now she is slowly dying on us," she said.

"July 11 is commemorated by our people. We were not terrorists. We defended our land and our people. We are not ashamed our men held weapons to protect our lives."

Canadian citizens have no right to negotiate the land of the Mohawk people, she said. "We shared our land. We have never given up one inch."

As a result of Oka, elders said many youths have approached them to see what they lost, such as the sweatlodge and traditional ceremonies.

Ms. Gabriel invited members of the audience to Kanehsatake. "To see what we almost lost."

Stories and photos by

Diana Harris

Over 200 join to celebrate International Women's Day

About 200 women and a handful of men atttended the second annual Niagara Region International Women's Day celebration in St. Catharines on Saturday, March, 7 1992.

The celebration, held at St. Catharines Collegiate from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., included opening remarks by MPP for St. Catharines-Brock Christel Haek. Ms. Haek was a member of Niagara College's Board of Governors from 1984 to 1986.

This year's celebration's focus was on indigenous Canadian women and in those developing countries, said Deborah Toth, one of the International Women's Day organizers.

A workshop focusing on immigrant and refugee claimant women, a speech on native women by the Oka Mohawk spokesperson, Ellen Gabriel, ongoing art displays and information booths, and entertainment by native dancers and the Sunrise singers was held throughout the day.

The 12-woman organizing committee included Niagara College English instructor Ann Dunbar.

The morning workshop, held in the school's library, featured a video and three women speakers who addressed the concerns of immigrant and refugee claimant women in Canada.

Following the workshop, a well-attended speech by Ms. Gabriel focused on the plight of native women in Canada and the Mohawk women facing charges stemming from the Oka crisis during the summer of 1990 in Kanehsatake, Que.

Lunch was provided, at a nominal fee, by the Feminist Faith Concerns group of St. Catharines in the school's cafeteria.

Jeff Jacobs, a dancer from the Niagara Regional Native Centre, demonstrated traditional native dancing in the Underground Theatre at St. Catharines Collegiate on March 7, during International Women's Day Celebrations in St. Catharines.

Following lunch, entertainment, held in the school's Underground Theatre, included traditional native dancing by members of the Niagara Regional Native Centre and singing by the Sunrise Singers of Welland.

Beth Hill, a Six Nations' Mohawk from the Bear clan and a former Niagara College student from 1985 to 1986, sold traditional native jewelry throughout the day. "I learned how to do the bead work from my grandmother," she said.

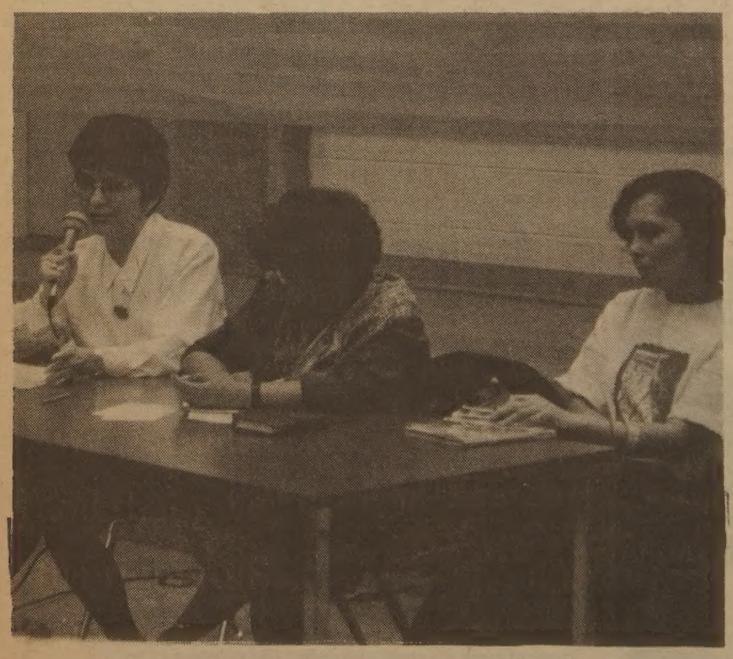
Lesley Bell and Diane Eaton sold cards and postcards from their booth using a primitive printing process called cyanotype. The process involves the use of a light-sensitive emulsion which after exposure to light is applied to images on either paper or silk.

The result is an image with varying shades of blue; other colors can be handpainted on later.

Lesley Bell designed the blue and white T-shirt which the International Women's Day committee selected to commemorate the 1992 celebration.

Child care was provided free of charge in the school's gym by volunteers of the International Women's Day organizing committee.

'Burning Bridges' workshop discusses immigrant hardships



Alba Luz Villata, Maricella Fernandez and Myra Quinonez were the speakers at the Burning Bridges, Real Life for Refugee and Immigrant Women workshop held Saturday, March 7, in the St. Catharines Collegiate library during the International Women's Day Celebration in St. Catharines.

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Campenera: a Spanish word meaning someone who will support you shoulder-to-shoulder was the workshop theme at the second annual International Women's Day celebration in St. Catharines on Saturday, March 7, 1992.

"Immigrant women come to Canada with families and with expectations as human beings." -Fernandez

About 70 women and three men attended the 90-minute workshop, Burning Bridges: Real Life for Refugee and Immigrant Women, held in the library of St. Catharines Collegiate.

The workshop included a video portraying the home and work life of immigrant and refugee claimant women in Canada, and three women speakers.

The first speaker, Maricela Fernandez, a graduate of the Niagara College Ontario Basic Skills program and a counsellor for immigrant and refugee claimants at the Unemployed Help Centre Inc. in St. Catharines, emigrated from El Salvador five years ago.

"Immigrant women come to Canada with families and with expectations as human beings," she said. "It is not an easy transition to come to a new society. There are problems with language communication and with isolation. As refugee claimants, we sometimes feel like second-class citizens. We don't like the term visible minorities; we prefer the term human beings."

A psychologist for Community Living-St. Catharines, Alba Luz English-speaking people, they begin to feel isolated. Isolation can be the start of a mental health problem which can lead to depression, said Ms. Villata.

"I went to Niagara College one day and saw a program for handicapped persons. At that point, I felt I had a handicap too."

Women who immigrate to Canada do not usually have low self-esteem; however, because of their inability to communicate with Villata, said she felt handicapped because of her lack of English skills when she immigrated to Canada from Colombia .

"We pay our taxes and that gives us the right to education, yet we have to fight to receive English classes," said Myra Quinonez, a Guatemalan woman who works for Worldwise in St. Catharines.

Worldwise is an organization providing assistance to developing nations.

"We pay our taxes and that gives us the right to education."

Ms. Fernandez wrote a proposal last year for the Upgrading Engineer's program. It is a nine-month program offered at Niagara College's St. Catharines campus. The program, in conjunction with Canada Employment, provides basic English skills for immigrant engineers.

Super Dennis survives death-defying stunt

Spectators held their breath during a recent 97.7 HTZ-FM promotional stunt in the Welland campus parking lot. While "Super Dennis" DenBesten crouched in a cardboard box, Jason Lowe smashed his speeding 1978 Pinto into the target. Video cameraman Gaetan Drapeau captured the stunt on tape, pausing appropriately to allow a speedy escape prior to the impact.

Jason Lowe, left, and Super Dennis, who miraculously emerged from the crash unharmed, take a moment to celebrate their success. The three technology students hope to win a prize from the St. Catharines radio station and plan to send the video to America's Funniest Home Videos.

Photos by Cathy Watt

Children's grief a reality

Funeral director shares experiences

By SANDRA GOLDEN
Staff Writer

Nancy Reimer is happy being a funeral director despite the image of funeral directors on television and in the movies.

She is quick with a smile and speaks with a pleasant voice.

Married and a mother of three teenagers, Mrs. Reimer, a petite woman, is a funeral director at Darte A. Patrick Funeral Chapel in St. Catharines.

She recently shared her experiences with Educational Resources and Special Needs (ERSN) students at Niagara College. Her focus was mainly on children and how they handle death.

'If you are old enough to love, you're old enough to grieve.'

She was formerly in retail sales but decided to change careers 10 years ago to become a funeral director.

She describes her job as "a privilege" because she gets to help people. She spends her days with adults in stressful circumstances.

"People come in as strangers," she said. "And after two or three days we become bonded and close. They come in and include me in a very private part of their life."

"We see some children but not a lot," she said, adding children are often left out. She said children should be given the choice if they want to attend a funeral or not because they should not be left out completely.

"You have to remember if you are old enough to love you are old enough to grieve," she said. "Adults often have a lot of unresolved grief from the past like excess baggage. Children imitate adults and if parents have fears then children will pick that up."

She said from the moment a family experiences a death the environment in the home changes. "Children often become the little forgotten people in the house amid all the confusion and grief."

"Kids aren't stupid," she said, adding children often feel alone and isolated in their grief during the time of a death. She said children who ask questions should get answers based on their age but cautioned some answers may be dangerous.

For example, she said telling a child the deceased has gone on a trip may cause the child to have anxieties. If the child sees a loved one take a trip he may be anxious that person will never return, especially if someone the child loves has a job that requires travelling.

Telling a child the person has gone to sleep may also cause anxiety. The child may be afraid to sleep or may be terrified when a loved one falls asleep, she said. It is quite common for a child to wake up and check on his loved ones during the night after a death in the family so they should know the difference between sleep and death.

She said when answering a child's questions make sure you can qualify your answers. Simply saying someone was sick could also terrify a child because the child might associate simple sickness with death. She said many parents may want to protect a child by not being too specific and end up scaring the child instead.

"Children will absorb answers at the age level they're at," Mrs. Reimer said. "They may have simple questions that require simple answers."

The funeral home has a film they show to children called Talking about Death by Earl A. Groman. It helps explain death in a way children understand. The film shows it is okay to show grief.

Mrs. Reimer said children exhibit four major emotions after death; sorrow, depression, anxiety, and anger. They may even misbehave instead of showing their grief because they don't think it's cool to cry.

She said care givers of the children should identify with them and let them know they know what's happened. "Let them know what they're feeling is okay and listen to them. Encourage them to talk but don't force them. Acknowledge their pain."

She said to also provide them with what she calls "pockets of pleasure", like a smile at a nice memory or physical activity like a walk or play. And try to give them somewhere they can be alone if they want to be, she added.

"Grief is the price we pay for having loved," Mrs. Reimer said.

Empire Sandy sets sail

By SHERI HAMILTON
Staff Writer

Don't miss the boat, the tall ship Empire Sandy is about to sail.

The Niagara College Continuing Education Department is offering four separate cruises during the last weekend in May.

Two of these cruises will be daytime historical cruises on the Niagara River. The other two cruises will be evening dinner-dance cruises on Lake Ontario.

The first daytime cruise will depart from Port Weller in St. Catharines on Saturday, May 30 at 10:30 a.m. and is scheduled to return at 5 p.m. The fee is $79 a person, which includes a brunch and barbecue rib dinner.

The second daytime cruise is Sunday, May 31. It costs $84 a person, which includes a brunch, champagne and lobster dinner.

The two five-hour evening cruises depart on Friday, May 29 and Saturday, May 30 at 7 p.m. The cost is $54 per person. This includes a sail along the shores of Lake Ontario, roast beef and barbecue ribs as well as dancing in the moonlight.

For more information contact, *the Continuing Education* Department at (416) 735-2211, 384-9760, 382-2383, Ext. 7510. For Visa and Mastercard registrations FAX to (416) 735-0419

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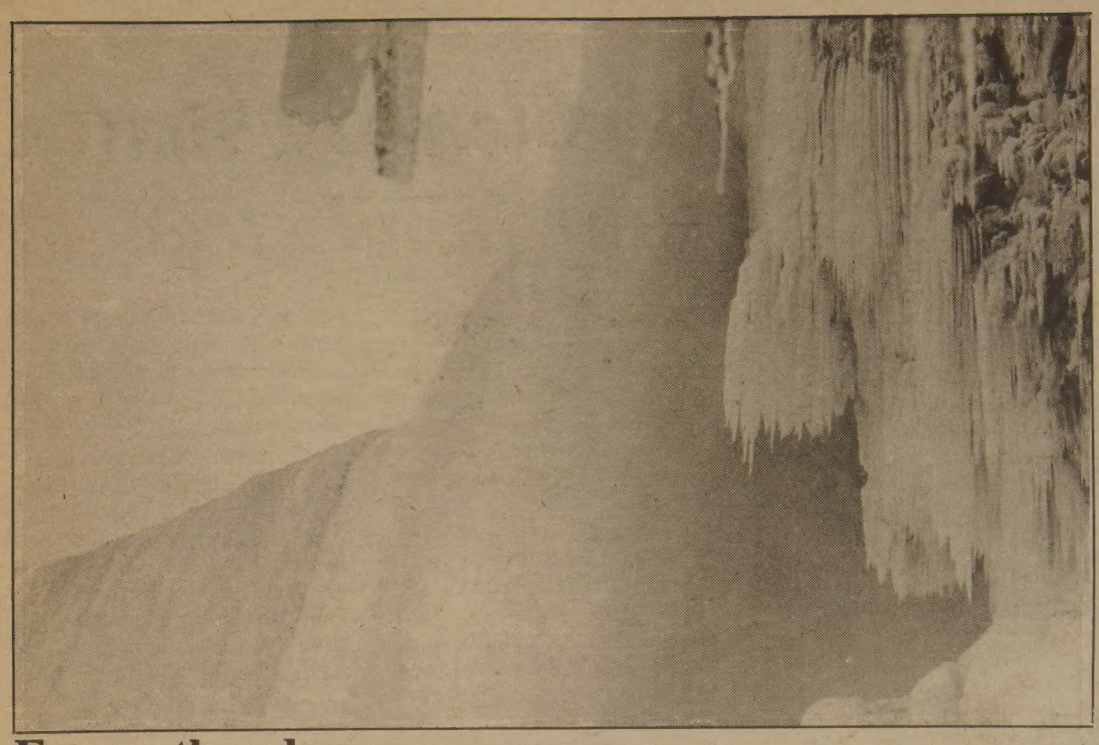

Frozen thunder

A trip behind the rock tunnels of Horseshoe Falls in Niagara Falls, Ont. affords raincoat clad visitors a frosty view of the falls through the Rainbow Portal. A million tons of water thunders down 126 feet onto ice-encrusted rocks — every five minutes.

Photo by Diana Harris

Taking precautions

Sexual assault still huge problem

By ARMANDO BARBARITO
Staff Writer

It is a crime most women don't talk about. It can happen anytime, any place and anywhere. It can happen to your best friend, classmate, and neighbor. It can even happen to you.

Every 17 minutes, a woman is sexually assaulted in Canada. Eight out of 10 victims will know their attacker, fewer than five per cent will report the crime, one in six will suffer nervous breakdowns and one in five will commit suicide.

University and college campuses give students the feeling of safety that is unwarranted, especially for women.

The assaulter could be a lover, a partner, a floormate, a neighbor, or a boyfriend. The average age for victims of sexual assault is between 17 and 24, which puts post-secondary students at a greater risk.

One in 12 college men admitted to committing acts of rape or attempted rape, according to a recent date rape survey. Most of the men who committed acts of rape, believed what they had done did not qualify as rape.

"These figures are representative to me of what kind of society we live in," said Jane, a counsellor at the Niagara Region Sexual Assault Centre, in St. Catharines, who asked that her name not be published for fear of her safety.

Sexual assault is a humiliating and demeaning crime for a woman to go through. The emotional trauma of rape is always immediate. Some of the short-term visible effects on the victim is shock, followed by shaking and crying. Some of the long-term effects a victim may suffer are fear, guilt, depression, and sexual dysfunction, Jane said.

Although the physical damage may heal, the psychological scarring may never go away. Most victims of sexual assault who overcome their horrifying experience, never forget they were assaulted and must live with that reality for the rest of their lives, Jane said.

The Niagara Region Sexual Assault Centre deals with victims of sexual assault on an ongoing basis.

"We work with survivors," said Jane. "Our main goal is to help them get their lives back together again."

Jane, along with other staff members, work in an office which is under constant surveillance.

"Nobody gets in here without first identifying themselves. We have had too many threats upon our lives by men who, in my opinion, hate women. They hate what we are doing here with no apparent reason — except that they hate women," Jane said.

She believes rape is not a sexual act by any means. "It is an act of power and control. Rape is an act of terrorism. Far from what the majority believes, rape has nothing to do with sex — it is an act of power and control."

In Jane's opinion, society's views on the roles of men and women have a lot to do with the current violence that is ongoing against women. Women are far from being equal with men, regardless of the feminist movement that was supposed to bring an end to the differences and inequalities between men and women, she said.

"Women are undervalued and trivialized," said Jane, who says she believes women should learn to defend themselves against their aggressor, "I'm not condoning violence by any means, I'm for self-defence by non-violent means."

Jane believes women have a long way to go before they will be able to feel safe in their environment. "A long way to go before women are truly equal in a world predominately ruled by men."

To Avoid Date Rape
Women Should:
* Find out about each new date ahead of time.
* Avoid being alone with a new date — try double dating.
* Avoid getting high or drunk, particularly on a first date.
* Always carry money for alternate transportation.
* Take a self defense course before it is needed.
* Be direct — try not to send mixed messages — make your feelings known.
* Remember that it is your right to say NO.
* Express yourself — if your NO is not being respected, be direct, be rude, yell, scream, punch — whatever it takes to make the assaulter stop and realize that what he is doing is wrong, both ethically and criminally.
* Send the message — we aren't going to tolerate this anymore!
* SAY NO!

Men Should:
* Respect a woman's right to autonomy, and never force or coerce her to have sex or sexual contact.
* Never assume you know what a woman wants — ask.
* A desire for affection does not indicate a desire for sexual contact or intercourse.
* Be aware of social pressures and don't buy into the idea of sex as a "conquest". Sex is an intimate consensual act of sharing.
* Realize that being turned down is not a personal rejection, but rather a rejection to a single act at a particular time. Your self esteem need not depend on your sex life.
* Understand when someone is saying NO even when that isn't the exact word said, or when nothing is said at all.
* HEAR NO!

NO means NO. Not now means NO. I have a boyfriend/girlfriend means NO. Maybe later means NO. No thanks means NO. You're not my type means NO. @$%&* off means NO. I'd rather be alone right now means NO. Don't touch me means NO. I really like you but ... means NO. Let's go to sleep means NO. You've/I've been drinking means NO. Silence means NO.

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Elvis times five, mirror memories

By MARK NESBITT
Staff Writer

The king is dead. Long live the king.

The king, of course, is Elvis. He lives on in the many tribute acts that portray him and perform his music. But the man who held Elvis as he died in 1977 wants people to know he isn't in hiding, or planning a return appearance.

A recent benefit event was held in memory of Margaret Meers, a close friend of local Elvis impersonator Pat Dismoine. It featured five different Elvis tribute acts, with a special guest appearance by Charlie Hodge, Elvis Presley's longtime associate and stage director.

'We were as close as two men could be without one of us owning a beauty salon.' *Charlie Hodge*

Mr. Dismoine, also known as Elvis Little, asked several of his friends to help organize a benefit to assist the family of Margaret Meers, in hopes of organizing a scholarship fund for her son. Eventually, 10 acts volunteered their talents for the February show at Caps Bar and Grill in west St. Catharines.

Among those paying tribute to the king was Selvis, a 35-year-old Torontonian. "My dad was an opera singer, and that was my inspiration to sing," he said. He first sang Elvis' material at 16, and was encouraged enough by the response to go professional. His father helped him develop his singing voice, and he now makes "a very good living," as Selvis.

"Bringing back Elvis' memories" is his main purpose, he said.

The highlight of the show, however, was not the musical tributes to Elvis, Buddy Holly or the Blues Brothers, but was the appearance of Charlie Hodge, a man who knew Elvis well.

In remarks to a crowd of about 200, Mr. Hodge spoke of the good times he had with Elvis. "We were as close as two men could be without one of us owning a beauty salon," he said.

Mr. Hodge met Elvis backstage at a concert in Memphis, Tenn. in 1956. An established gospel singer in his own right, Mr. Hodge began a friendship with Elvis that would last until Elvis' death.

And Mr. Hodge is adamant about Elvis' death. He was the person who discovered Elvis, near death, in the Graceland mansion. He said he held him, and "gave him mouth-to-mouth," but he died in his arms.

He rejects claims that Elvis is still alive, and said Elvis would approve of the impersonators carrying the torch in his absence. "I would know it if he wasn't happy."

Mr. Hodge and his manager, John Domonkos, are involved in several business ventures with an Elvis theme, including a musical and visual performance intended to simulate the atmosphere of a real Elvis concert entitled For the Love of Elvis.

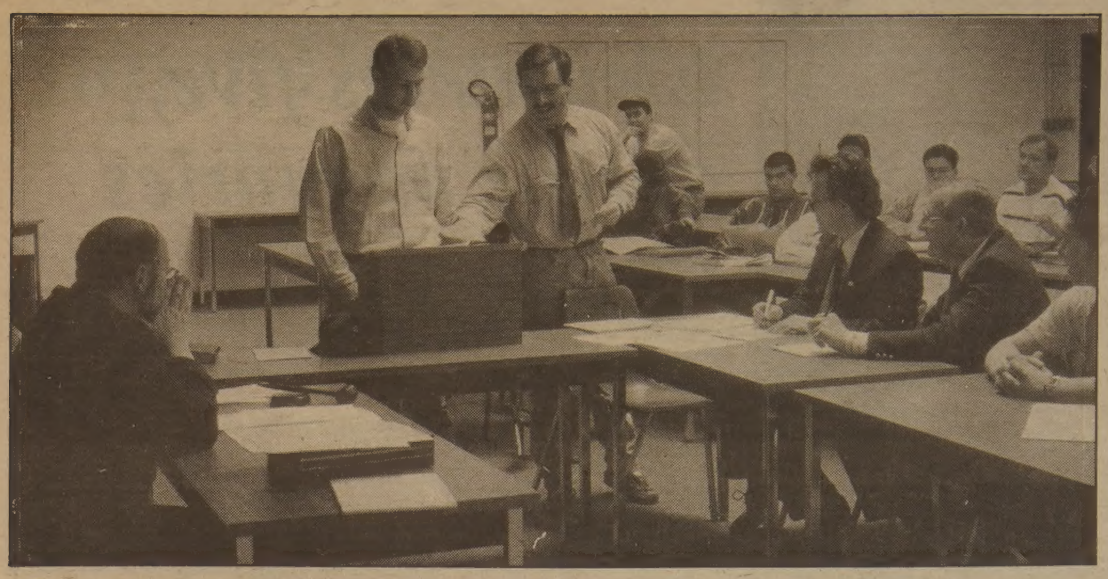
Mr. Hodge is also involved with a plan to build a hotel on the land bordering Graceland in Memphis.

Although many may consider them strange, the tribute acts that donated their time and energy to this worthy cause showed the true generosity of a group of friends helping out a family in bad times. And despite the cynicism of some that would accuse them of making money from a dead legend, these Elvis impersonators showed nothing but respect for the man they mimic.

The king is dead. Long live the king.

Selvis assumes the position at the Elvis Tribute show at Caps Bar and Grill in St. Catharines last month. The show was a benefit for the family of Margeret Meers, friend of many of the performers present.

Photo by Mark Nesbitt



Saso discharges rubber robber

Second-year law and security students experienced the pressures of being on trial as law-enforcing witnesses during the program's mock trials last Thursday. From left, Niagara College president John Saso, posing as the trial judge, weighs the evidence as acting defence attorney, Gino Arcaro, interrogates one of the many witnesses; David Schleich, college vice-president academic and acting Crown attorney, was assisted by Bill Annand, a senior Niagara Falls OPP constable, while Charles Crumb, the accused, awaited the verdict. His crime: Theft from a condom machine under $1,000.

Photo by Marilyn Walkington

I've fallen and I can't wake up

Derek Lefevre and Chris Rioux, foreground, lie on stage while hypnotist Casey Bones, holding microphone at far right, suggests an unidentified student can no longer hold his own weight. Mr. Bones performed, courtesy of the Student Administrative Council, at the Welland campus cafeteria on Wednesday.

Photo by Troy Clarke

Problems? Climb your family tree

By CAROL ANNE HUNT
Staff Writer

Therapists are advising people to use a tree to get at the root of their problems. But not just any tree — the family tree. More specifically, genograms.

A genogram is a family tree spread over the last three generations and sometimes including close family friends. It delves into emotional details and background usually left out of the regular family tree. Its purpose is to help individuals or families in therapy to uncover deep-seated feelings arising from family life patterns and structures.

In the book *Genograms — The New Tool for Exploring the Personality, Career, and Love Patterns You Inherit,* by Emily Marlin, president of the New York Association for Marriage and Family Therapy, she says, "The genogram promotes both family reflection and self-discovery."

The genogram, devised in the late '70s by Dr. Murray Brown, works on the premise all families have "scripts", certain beliefs and familial expectations influencing their thoughts and actions.

Although for some the genogram can be interesting and fun, for others it's a necessity for their health and emotional well-being.

Jim Wilsher, owner of Jim Wilsher and Associates, a therapy clinic in St. Catharines, counsels individuals using the genogram regularly and has done so for over 15 years.

He said he uses it mainly for individuals (as opposed to group or family therapy) for a variety of reasons, but primarily for inner child conflict, such as sexual abuse, where a need to divulge a person's past relations with family exists.

"It's a different approach," he said. "It takes the spotlight off them (the individual) and helps people to communicate more easily."

A genogram consists of the basic family tree information such as births, deaths, and marriages, and goes into more detail by including such things as occupations, hobbies, character traits, and health problems. Seemingly trivial information such as how a couple met is exactly the kind of fare researched for a genogram.

Information comes from a variety of places like the standard family bibles and photograph albums, but goes as far as consulting newspaper accounts, court records, and relatives and close family friends. One person's opinion can differ from another's, but both may be valuable in building a complete genogram.

Using symbols and keys, all the information is recorded on a chart which makes it easy to pick out important details otherwise overlooked or ignored.

Mr. Wilsher tailors his genograms to fit the type of problem with which he is dealing. A person with an abuse problem will collect different information than a person with an addiction problem.

He likens it to "art therapy or play therapy for children."

"I like to use all of the senses, to put it on paper and find some creative ways of dealing with it." He even uses a flip chart.

"Visual aids are helpful in both retention and proof later," he said. "The person may be in a state of denial and having something in writing to bring to his attention is helpful."

The process helps in revealing *relationship triangles.*

Ms. Marlin's book says triangles are "the basic building block of all emotional systems."

Mr. Wilsher says genograms are successful in his clinic.

"When a client's feelings are somewhat frozen, sometimes something like this put on paper will help them evoke a feeling, and a flood of memories come back they didn't remember before."

The genogram is a tool which can be used outside of therapy to help a person see specific problems more clearly and make better decisions. Many people find patterns emerging which they realize influenced decisions they made in the past.

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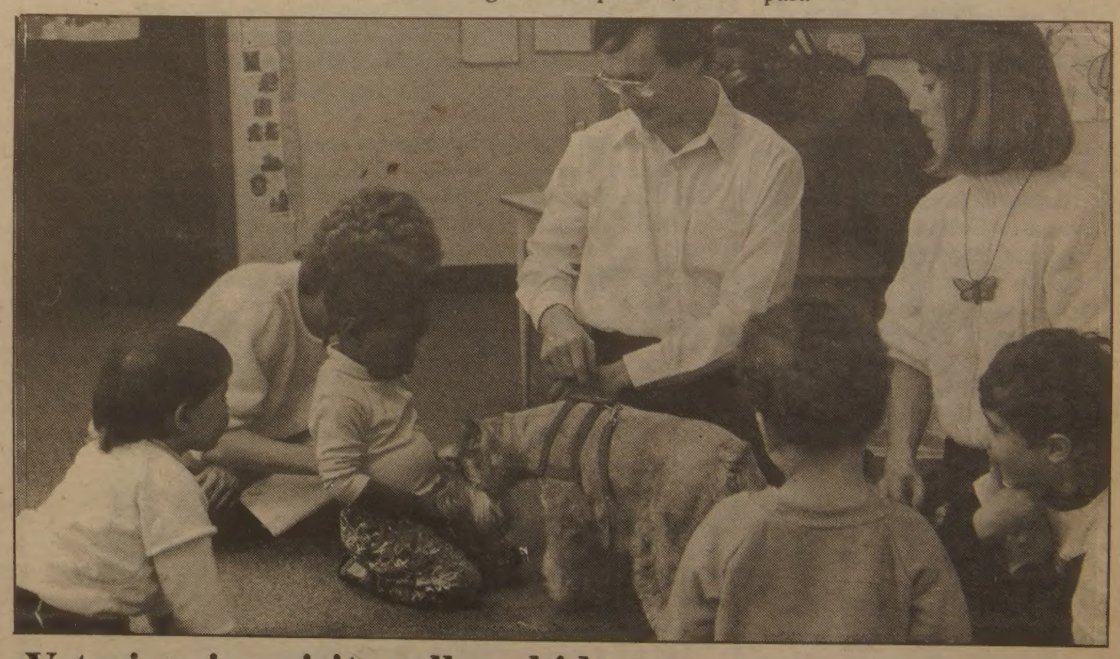

Veterinarian visits college kids

The children of Niagara College's daycare centre were visited by the Main West Animal Hospital veterinarian. As part of the theme "Community Helpers", Dr. Mike Finnigan and his helper, Kathy Pulak, (both kneeling) brought their dog, Chip, to teach the children about keeping pets healthy. Shalik practices the proper way of feeding a dog an animal cookie while other children look on awaiting their turn.

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